

Christmas
1998





Chris Youngbluth
Beverly Dudley



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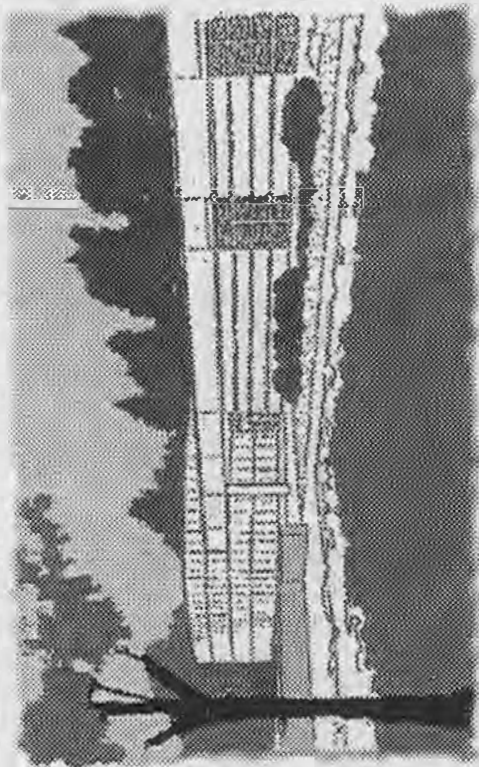
Sheila Noll and Jan Farley,
President of the Friends of the Library
Presenting to Norma Colton





Norma receiving her 20 year pin.
Sheila Noll looking on.



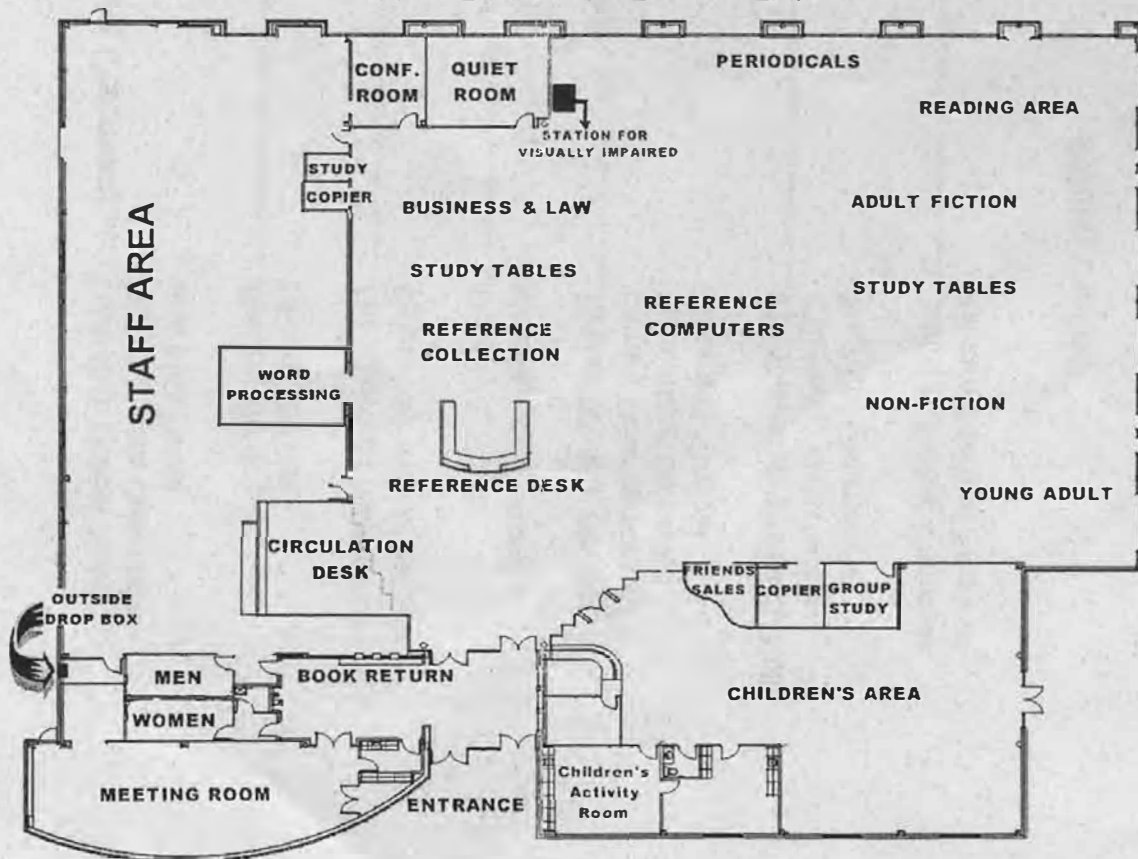


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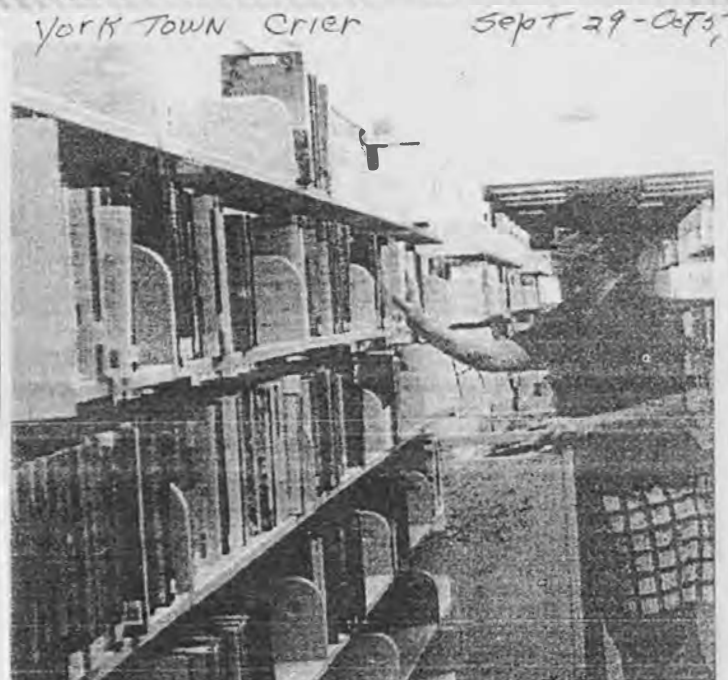
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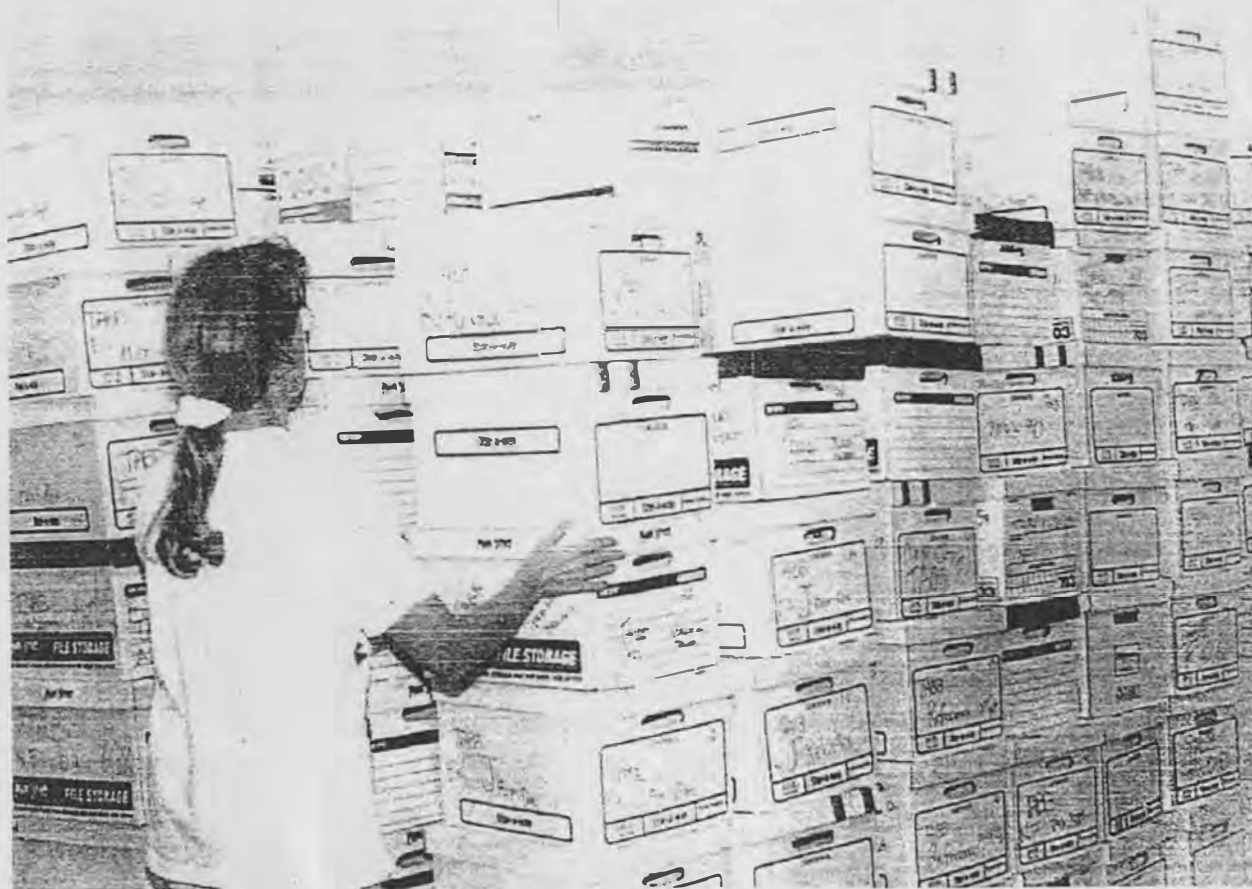


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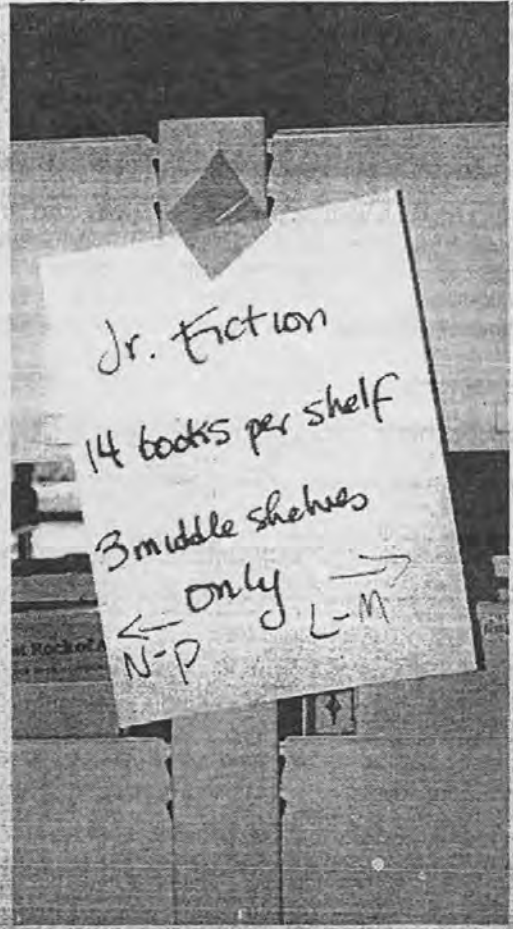
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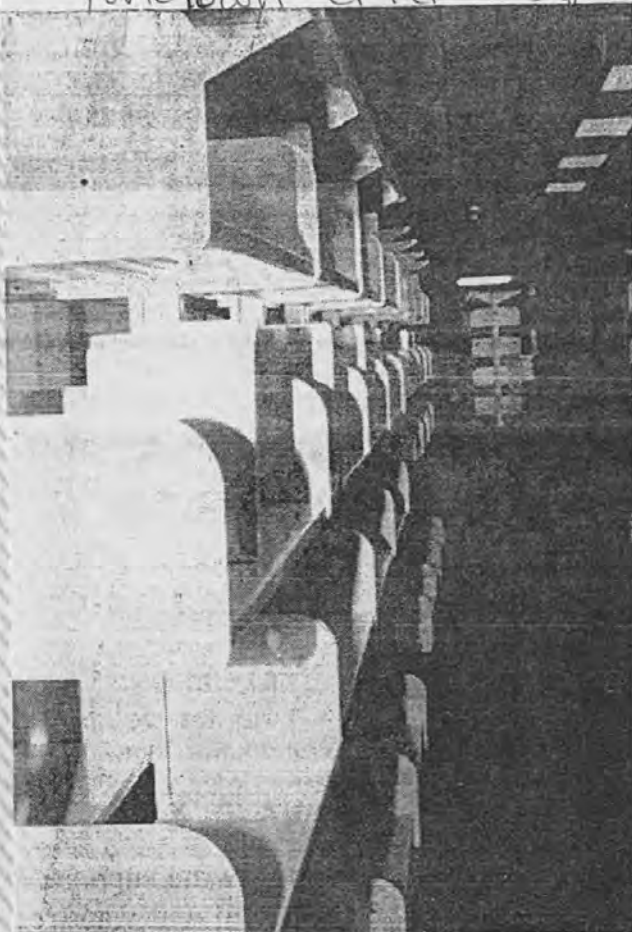
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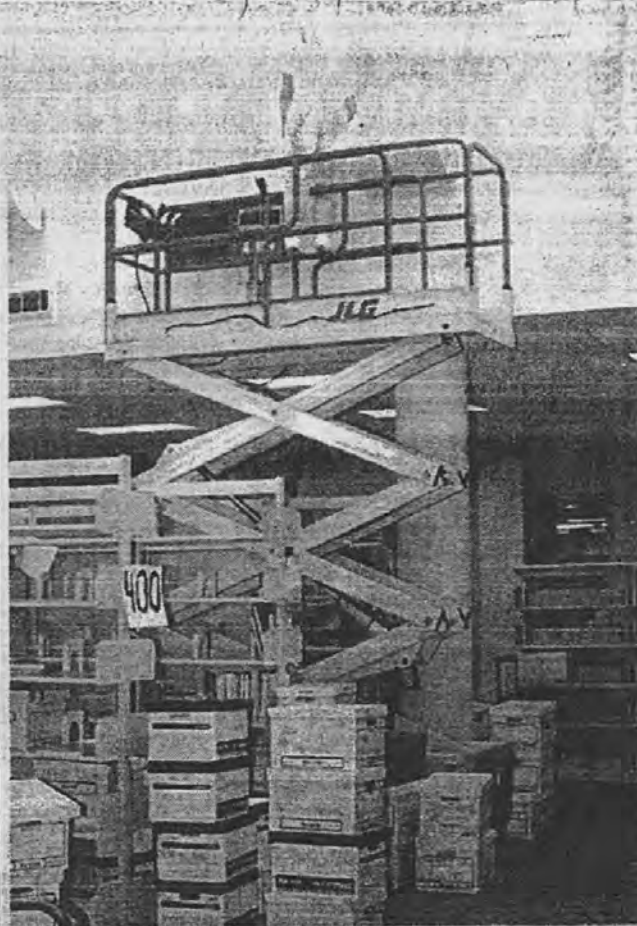


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Our view

Tabb Library part of county's proud history

There's an old saying that "all things come to he who waits," which seems to capture the moment perfectly as York County residents get ready to celebrate the opening of the Tabb Library. Certainly, it's been a long time in coming.

As the Tabb area of the county began to experience a massive growth spurt in the 1980s, it became apparent that library service would be needed there. Saturday's Grand Opening of the Tabb Library follows over a decade of planning, budgeting and construction. Thousands of man-hours by staff and contractors are behind the ribbon which will be snipped Saturday.

And when the Tabb Library opens for business, it will be grand, indeed. At the same time, the Tabb facility will be but the latest in the county's effort to provide this critical service to its citizens.

We've picked some "old-timer's" brains and managed to reconstruct the last half century of library service here in York County. It goes something like this.

Back in the 1950s, library service was offered periodically (once a week?) in half a trailer which was shared by the U. S. Post Office. The multi-purpose trailer was located on Main Street in the Village of Yorktown, about halfway between the Main and Ballard streets intersection and the Victory Monument.

The selection was small, and it didn't take county movers and shakers long to decide something bigger and better was needed.

Library services were then offered periodically in the basement of the Customhouse. There are vivid memories of descending the stairs on a Saturday morning and entering the large basement which was lined with shelves of books. The musty smell lingers as a childhood memory for more than one library user.

Did the county finance these libraries?

We're not sure. We do know that, even then, a cadre of volunteers, including the late Rodney Cook, donated their time and talents to provide library services. The Yorktown Womens Club has always supported this project.

From the Customhouse basement, the library moved to a "white house on Route 17." It was located just beyond the southern intersection of Route 17 and Grafton Drive. Here, more than one room was available for an expanded collection.

As usage outstripped space once again, a storefront facility was opened in Grafton Shopping Center. It remained there for years, before the present Yorktown Library opened at Route 17 and Harrod's Lane. This location will remain open, giving residents of the middle section of the county convenient access to library services.

Historically in America, one of the truest signs that a small town was growing up was the establishment of a public library. When Yorktown "came of age," such a service was established. It only took five decades to grow from that half a trailer to the Tabb Library.

My how we've grown!

October 6 - 12, 1999

In Brief

Tabb Library opens Saturday

The county of York and the York County Public Library Board will host an official ribbon-cutting ceremony and grand opening at the new Tabb facility on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 2 p.m. The library is located at 100 Long Green Blvd., off Route 134 and opposite Kirkwood Presbyterian Church.

The program will include presentations by various county officials and guests, entertainment and refreshments. Following the opening ceremonies, the library will be open for business from 3 to 5 p.m. that day.

A 32,000 square-foot facility, the Tabb library features a public meeting room, new computers and equipment, reading areas and a fireplace. In addition, the children's section has been decorated by local folk artist Nancy Thomas.

The front walkway is paved with engraved bricks purchased by those who participated in the Library Foundation's "Bricks for Books" fund raiser.

The event is open to the public. For more information, call 890-5100.

Friends of the Library available during grand opening in Tabb

A representative of the Friends of the York County Public Library will be available from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9, during the grand opening of the new York County Library in Tabb. Information will be available about their current activities and future plans.

Local residents are encouraged to support the York County libraries by becoming active members. Currently, the membership prices are \$5.00 for a single member, \$10.00 for a family membership and \$50.00 for a lifetime membership.

The Friends have provided additional resources to the York County Public Library for many years. Membership in the Friends of the Library is an excellent method of supporting your local library.

Funds raised through book

sales are used to provide additional items for both the Tabb and Yorktown libraries. The new Tabb Library includes a space for sale of used books, which will be open during library hours. The selection will be updated frequently.

Jean Smith was elected President of the Friends of the York County Library at the annual meeting held recently. Board meetings are open to all members of the Friends.

Interested members should plan to attend the next board meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 3 p.m. at the York County Public Library -- Yorktown.

The fall Book Sale will be held from Friday through Sunday, Nov. 12 to 14, at the Yorktown Library.

For more information, call 890-3377.

'Yorkscape' planned for Tabb Library

The York County Beautification Committee, in partnership with the York County Master Gardeners and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, will be constructing a "Yorkscape" at the new York County Library in Tabb, located at 100 Long Green Blvd., off Route 134.

"Yorkscape" is simply an easy way to identify what will be a "bay-friendly," ecologically-sound, landscape demonstration project. The library location provides an opportunity for visitors to become familiar with environmentally friendly landscape ideas and practices that can be implemented at home as well.

The project features three phases, beginning with an initial planting on Saturday, Nov. 13. Additional plantings are scheduled for Spring and Fall 2000.

Project organizers are seeking volunteers to assist with the planting on Nov. 13, where participants will learn how to utilize native plants to create beautiful landscapes that require little water or maintenance.

York County Master Gardeners will be paired with volunteers to provide individual assistance.

Interested participants, or those seeking further information, should contact Laurie Halperin at 890-3780.

Grand Opening Oct. 9, 1999













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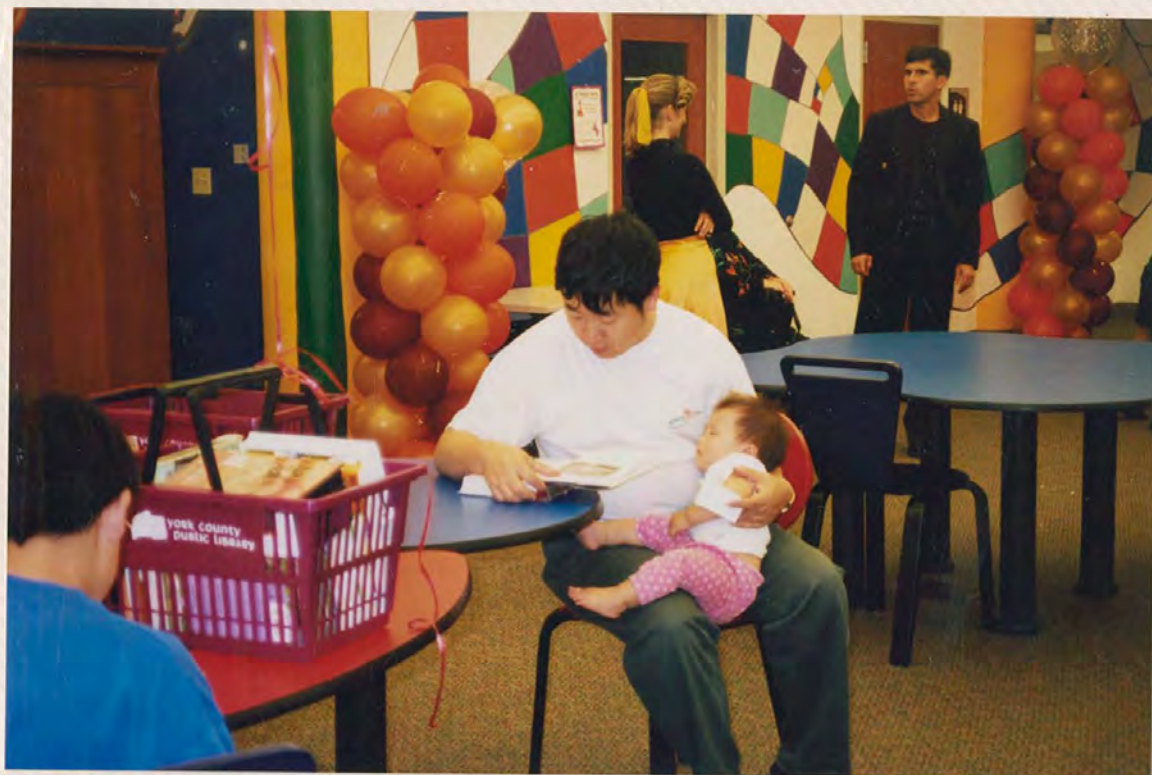


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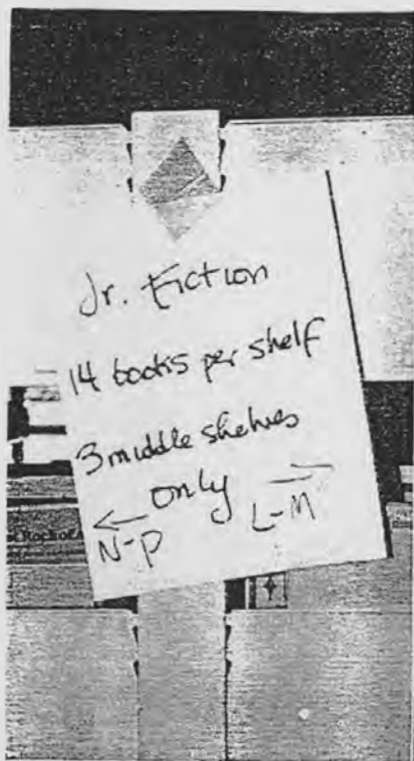


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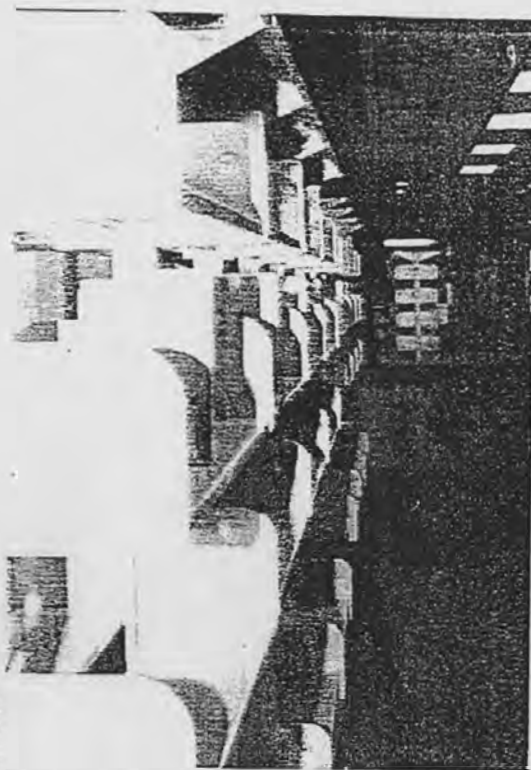


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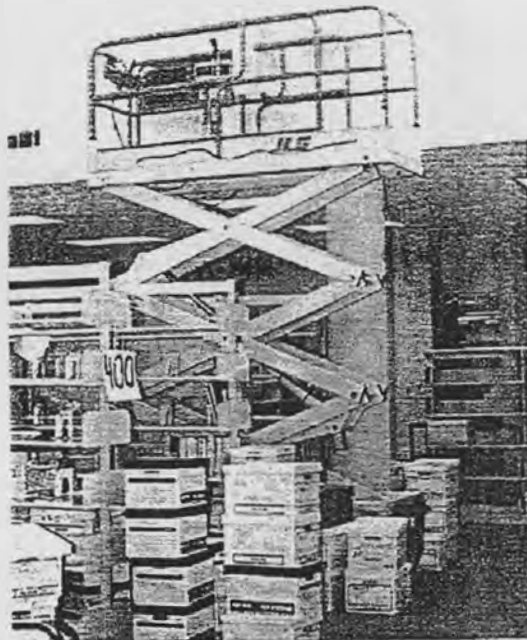
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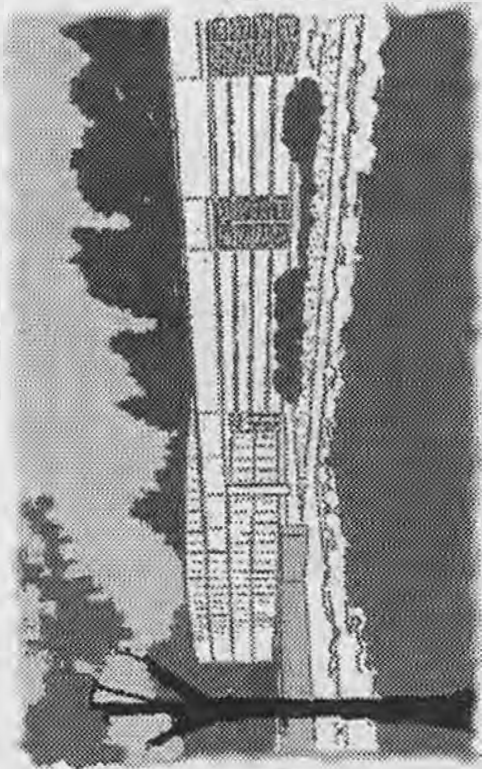
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Rows and rows of chairs await positioning — and patrons.

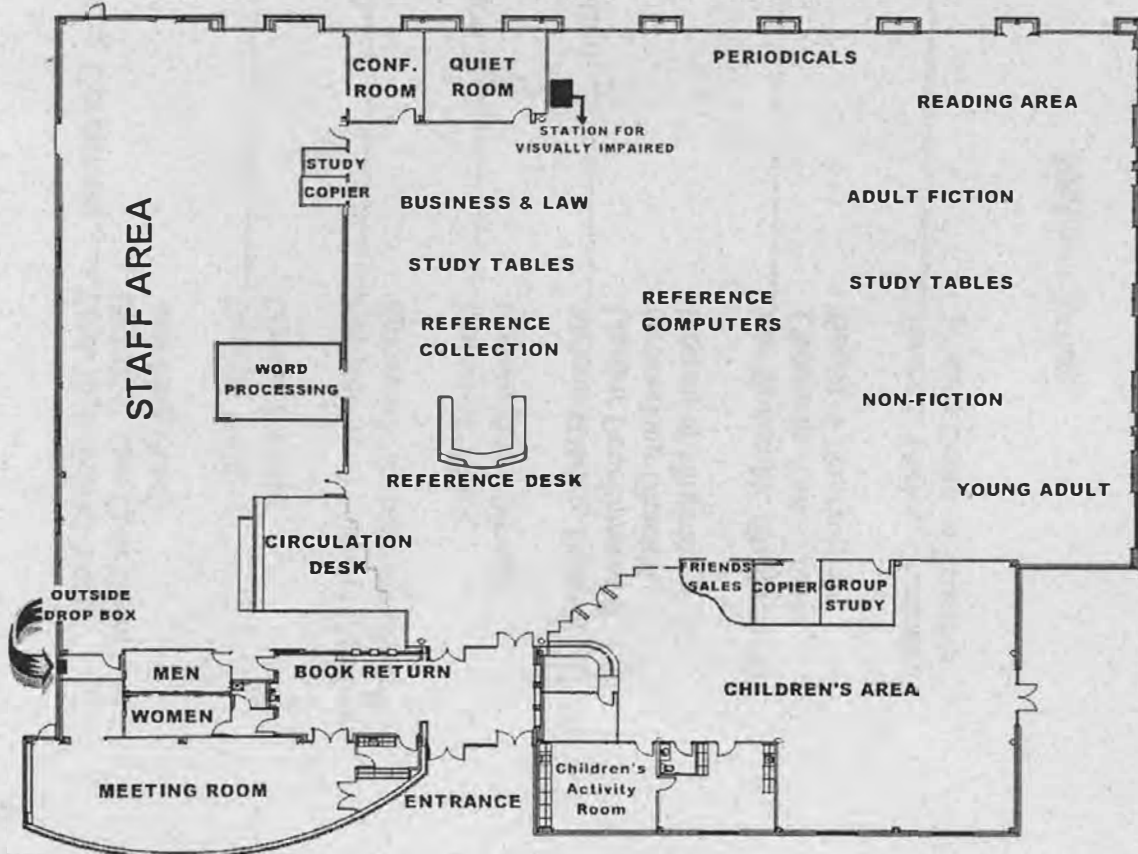


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Karen Kirsten
Story Hour
November 1999





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 Kristin Kurzea on far left.
 Malathi Yegeswaran on far right, Karen Kirsten to her right
 Karen and Kristin were in the children's department





Beverly
Dudley

Kevin Smith, Sterrie Weaver,
Norma Colton, Sandy Goad, Beverly Dudley

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Book Sale slated

The Friends of the York County Public Library will hold their Fall Book Sale from Friday, Nov. 12, to Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Yorktown Library on Route 17.

The sale is open on Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. for members only. Membership dues can be paid at that time.

The sale is open to the public on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Proceeds from book sales provide funding for new items for the libraries.



Autumn Story Hours offered at libraries

Autumn Story Hours have begun at the York County Public Library and are available at both library branches. Story Hour sessions will run through Friday, Dec. 17, and are for children age 2 1/2 to kindergarten.

Registration is required and enrollment is limited. For more information, call the Yorktown branch at 890-3377 or the Tabb branch at 890-5110.



Up and running

The kinks have been worked out of operations at the Tabb Library, and business is booming. Above, Library staff mans an information desk where patrons can get assistance on everything from where to find a particular book to how to use the computers. At left, youngsters are welcomed to their own special place in the Library by this large clock, which was created by Yorktown folk artist Nancy Thomas. For story and more pictures, please see Page 3.

Photos by Emily McHenry

Technology, comfort hallmarks of Tabb Library

YORKTOWN CRIER

Nov. 17-13, 1999

By Megan Mize

Many people think of the musty smell of old books and the stale atmosphere of a dimly lit room when they hear the word "library." This stereotype, however, immediately disappears upon entering the new Tabb Library which opened for business last month.

Here, a bright, airy space greets all who visit the new building.

The new library had its beginnings with a survey conducted a decade ago by the Friends of the Library. The telephone survey determined that many people felt the older library, located closer to Yorktown, was "out of the way" and difficult to reach.

It then fell to the Library's Board of Trustees, county staff and York's Board of Supervisors to make a new library happen.

With the enormous growth pattern experienced in the southern portion of the county over the past two decades, the Tabb area was selected for the site of a new library. It is located in the heart of the quickly growing section of the county.

Six weeks after its opening, the Tabb Library contains between 40,000 and 45,000 items, and administrators hope to receive between 5,000 and 10,000 more in the near future and can actually house up to 150,000 items.

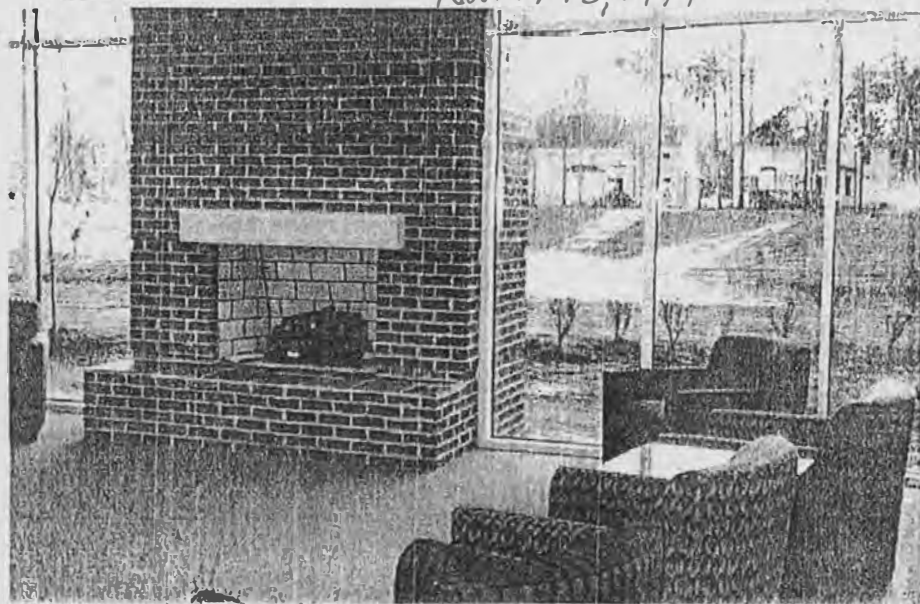
"We are planning to slow down after awhile, because we don't want to cram the books on the shelves," said Beverly Dudley, Library Director.

The Tabb Library has many interesting features to offer its users. The building contains many sound-proofed rooms, which can be used for studying, tutoring or conference. Also, there are specialized sections, such as Young Adult and Law/Business collections.

Designed to be not only user friendly, but user comfortable, there are easy chairs placed around the aisles and in a circular formation in front of a charming fireplace.

Nationally known artist Nancy Thomas designed the colorful children's area. In addition to a collection of children's books, there's a program room for Storytime or other children's programs which are offered throughout the year.

And technological opportunities abound at the new library, as well. There's a separate word-processing room currently fitted with four computers, and there are plans for eight terminals in the future. Another eight to 10 computers are located throughout the library, as well. Each is Internet accessible and will contain specially ordered databases. Also, there's a computer which enlarges texts for the visually impaired, and there are two stand-up terminals which act as



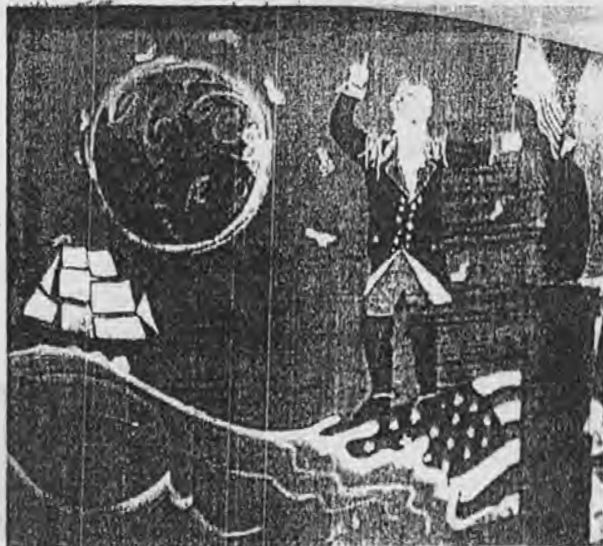
A fireplace, large windows and comfortable furniture create an inviting atmosphere for readers.

electronic card catalogs.

In addition, there's a separate copier room. Here, people needing photocopies of materials can make them without the noise of the machine disturbing other library users.

The Tabb Library also offers patrons a variety of unique services. For example, if, in the morning, a visitor requires material which is available at the Yorktown Library, a request is faxed to that facility and the requested item is sent to Tabb for pick-up. Materials checked out at either building can be returned to either building, as well.

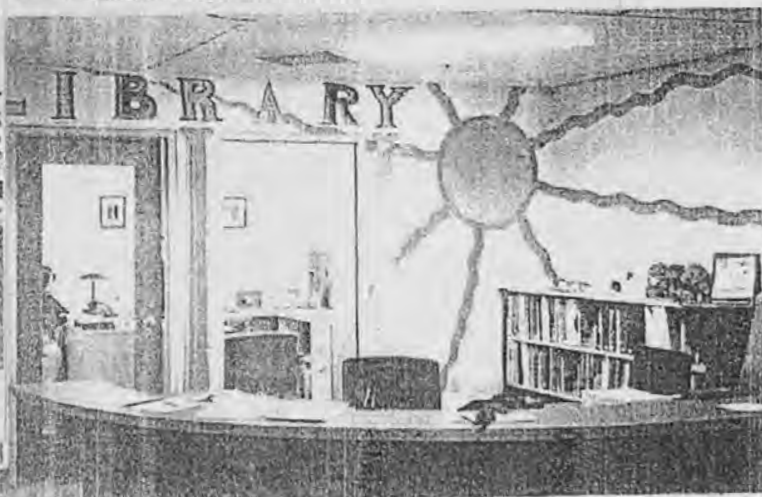
The Tabb Library offers visitors innovation and advanced technology in a user friendly and attractive facility. Sign-ups for new library cards have been brisk since the doors opened, and that's put a big smile on the faces of the staff, Dudley noted.



Artist Nancy Thomas included George Washington in her mural which adorns the walls of the Children's Section

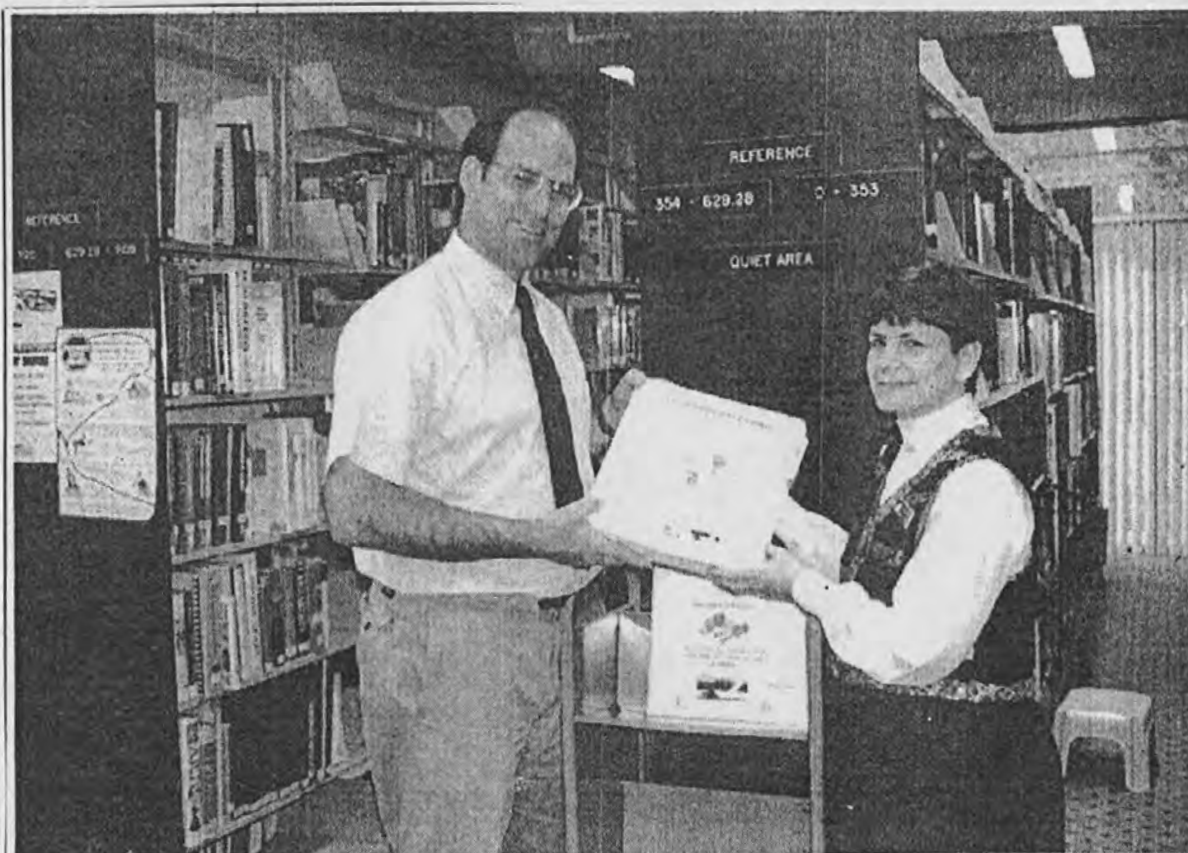


Sections are clearly marked, so finding a book is no problem



Bright colors and cheerful designs welcome library users

Photos by Emily McHenry



York Town Crier photo by Lois Chesley

Extension Agent Jim Orband, left, presents notebooks to Yorktown Library Manager Norma Colton

Notebooks donated to library

The York County Cooperative Extension Office has prepared two reference books for each branch of the York County Public Library. The notebooks are called:

- Vegetable Gardening and Vertebrate Pests of the Garden
- Lawn Care and Proper

Pruning for the Peninsula and Landscaping and the Wildlife Affecting Your Landscape.

Each notebook is filled with research-based publications from Virginia Cooperative Extension. The notebooks are indexed and the publications are easy to find and read.

These publications can be copied at the library, or may be obtained by contacting the Extension Office at 890-4940 with the requested publication, and it will be mailed to you.

The notebooks can be found in the Reference section of each library.

YORK TOWN CRIER

December 1 - 7, 1999



Photos by Adrin Snider/Daily Press
Una Reeks sits on a table nearby as Una Reeks gets a kiss from a young boy. The Oak Ridge Boys held at Busch Gardens. Una Reeks has been popular with them since.

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George Bush standing together. Reeks also got a certificate of recognition from Gov. Jim Gihmore for her years of service to the Republican party.

Hamilton, R-Newport News, came to the party despite having surgery Friday for a pinched nerve in his back. He said Reeks was one of the first people to hang a sign in front of her house supporting his 1988 run for state office.

"Then this past November, she was out at one of the precincts in the rain," he said. "I had to come and tell her to go home."

Reeks was born in Kentucky in

Please see Birthday/B4

Area libraries face Internet censorship controversy

Communities debate the legality of filters

By Greg A. Lohr
Daily Press

YORK

All Charlie Shively wanted to do was to point and click his way to an understanding of the World Wide Web.

He sat down last week in front of a computer at the new Tabb library in York County. There, he selected random categories. He followed ads to other Web sites.

And he learned two lessons that surprised him: Internet pornography is available on the library's computers, and anyone can come across it, even by accident.

Shively, who has three stepchildren, had an immediate and relatively common reaction: He wants pornographic material on the Internet blocked from computers at the county's two libraries.



SHIVELY

"This is what concerns me — kids are brilliant on these computers," he said. "If they got into that, then they could tell their friends. To me, it is so gross that people can access that."

Shively's wish will be granted in about two weeks.

That's when the county should have WebSense, a type of Internet filtering software, up and running at both libraries. The service will cost the county a yearly total of \$2,650.

York's action may satisfy Shively and other like-minded residents. But the matter is far from over.

Library directors in York and across the country are walking a legal and ethical tightrope.

Many feel pressure to keep obscene and illegal Internet material away from children. At the same time, they hesitate to dilute the Internet's researching power or to avert the focus of its worldwide gaze.

"It's a very difficult topic for folks to face," said Izabela Cieszynski, director of Newport News libraries. "We haven't found a filtering system yet that answers all the situations people come up against."

Different filtering programs tackle sit-

Pressure

Libraries nationwide are under pressure to install Internet filters. A16.

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Filter

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uations in different ways.

Some block Web sites that contain certain keywords, such as "breast" or "sex." These programs have been criticized for sometimes filtering out appropriate sites offering information on, say, breast cancer or sex education.

"That's always my concern when people talk filters," said Beverly Dudley, director of York's two libraries. "You don't get good searches because you're ruling out so many things."

State Del. Dick Black disagrees. Black, a Republican from Loudoun County, favors Internet filtering at libraries and discounts criticism of the software programs.

"While they don't screen 100 percent, they are extremely effective," he said. "I've never seen any credible evidence that they have screened out material that's not pornographic."

Other programs are designed to weed out specific Web sites in categories deemed objectionable by the maker or by the client.

WebSense, the program chosen by York County, works in this way: Company workers check out Web sites and group them in about 30 categories, said Adam Frisch, the county's chief of computer support services.

The county picked WebSense after two months of evaluating filtering programs, he said. Plus, it was recommended by a software company York has worked with before.

"Here in the county, we don't want to push the envelope," Frisch said. "We want something that someone has already tested and is proven to work well. We don't have the resources to play around."

Other programs, billed as "smart" software, aim to humanize the filtering process. One example is: I-Gear, created by URILabs of Hampton. The program examines the context of words on Web pages to determine, for example, whether "breast" is used in a reference to health care or to sex.

Local libraries' Internet policies are as varied as the filtering programs.

Of library systems in the Peninsula area, there's a pretty even split among those that offer unfiltered Internet access, those that filter on all computers, and those that filter for children but not for adults.

Some library directors admit they've been uncertain how to handle what has become a controversial issue in communities from Boston to Kern County, Calif.

While figuring it out, they've received little guidance from outside their own localities.

The General Assembly this year considered a bill, supported by Black, that would have required libraries to filter the Internet on all computers. Legislators shot down that bill and instead passed one requiring libraries to draft and enforce their own Internet policy.

It was a move that placed the decision of which path to take squarely on the shoulders of library boards, library directors and local government officials.

Library directors in particular are left wondering about the line between protecting children and censorship. They want to satisfy concerned parents without restricting a still-growing resource.

"We know it's a potential problem, and we know we'll have to address it," said York's Dudley.

INTERNET POLICIES

Library systems in the Peninsula area have crafted varied policies on Internet use. Generally, they aim to keep obscene or other illegal material away from library patrons — especially children — while telling appropriate material pass through.

Here's a look at how they're handling the often-controversial issue:

NEWPORT NEWS: Library officials are researching filtering software. Each of the four branches requires parental permission for minors to use the Internet.

HAMPTON: Each of the four library branches filters the Internet on all computers. Anyone with a library card may use the computers, but minors must have parental permission to get a card. Adults who have trouble with their Internet searches may ask a librarian to disable the filtering software. When minors have trouble, librarians help.

YORK COUNTY: Both libraries will have filtered Internet access on most computers in about two weeks. One computer at each branch will remain unfiltered for use only by adults. Minors must obtain parental permission to use the Internet.

WILLIAMSBURG REGION: The two libraries — serving Williamsburg, James City County and northern York — provide adults with filtered Internet access. Computers in the youth-services areas offer a selection of

World Wide Web sites.

POQUOSON: The library's two computers with Internet access are unfiltered. Minors must have parental permission to use the Internet. Children age 13 and under must be accompanied by a parent to use the Internet. Library officials are applying for a grant to purchase a computer that offers selected Web sites to children.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY: All computers at the main library and branch offer filtered Internet access through a county-government network. Minors need parental permission to use the Internet.

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY: The three library branches just connected to the Internet this week. Officials say they eventually may offer filtered and unfiltered access. Anyone using the Internet must sign on to the library's Internet guidelines. Minors must have parental permission, and children 10 and under must be accompanied by a parent.

SUFFOLK: Computers with Internet access have yet to be hooked up at the main library or at the branch. When the computers do get up and running, minors will have to be accompanied by their parents to use the Internet. Library officials hope eventually to create library cards with photographs. That way, minors could get parental permission to use the Internet but could not switch cards with their friends.

Sources: Area library directors

"But we don't want to be policemen if we can avoid it, and we don't want to limit good reference use of the Internet."

And they don't want to be sued. The possibility of a lawsuit over library computers may sound far-fetched, but it's not.

A federal judge ruled last year that unilateral filtering of the Internet is unconstitutional.

Library patrons and representatives of blocked Web sites had sued the Loudoun County Public Library over its Internet policy — a policy written by Del. Black when he was on the library board. Loudoun's libraries now let patrons choose whether to use a filter while on the Internet.

Effects of the Loudoun case have rippled through America's library systems. The lawsuit's outcome stands as one of library directors' only guides.

"That was the first and only federal court decision addressing the issue of library patrons' access to the Internet," said Kent Willis, director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia, which represented the blocked Web sites in the Loudoun case.

York County's library officials are going ahead with their plan to filter the Internet on most of their computers. They hope to comply with the federal ruling by leaving at least one computer unfiltered — a method Willis called "perfectly appropriate."

Other local library systems, however, are taking a risk.

The Internet is filtered, for example, on all library computers in Hampton and Gloucester County.

"That's a lawsuit in the making," said Elliot Drew, director of Suffolk's libraries, which has yet to hook up computers with Internet access.

Nancy Dwyer, who oversees Gloucester's libraries, is worried, too. She even discussed the filtering with the county's attorney. But there's little she can do, she said.

Computers in Gloucester's libraries are hooked into the county's computer network, and the Internet is filtered on the entire network. Dwyer said the only solution is for her to buy computers for the libraries and run them outside the network.

"Right now," she said, "our position is we're protecting the children."

Dwyer's concern is well-founded. Make no mistake — groups such as the ACLU are waiting and watching for possible violations of the federal ruling.

Willis, the group's state director, said the ACLU would challenge Internet filtering on behalf of a plaintiff. Or if the group learned of a possible violation, it would seek out a plaintiff among its members.

Even a library system that provides filtered and unfiltered Internet access, Willis said, could violate the ruling if it "severely limits the number of computers that are unfiltered."

Dwyer would like to have at least one unfiltered computer in each Gloucester library. Meanwhile, she's stuck lamenting the likelihood of lawsuits and her precarious position on the tightrope.

"I always tell people that just because the Internet's filtered doesn't mean you won't find something you don't like," she said. "If you don't find something you don't like, you probably don't have a good library. You're supposed to find things you don't like, because it makes you think."

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YORK TOWN CRIER

January 12 - 18, 2000

**Story hour offered
at York libraries**

Winter/Spring Story Hours will begin at the York County Public Library on February 1. Story hours will be available at both the Yorktown and Tabb libraries.

Story Hour sessions run from Feb. 1 through May 19. Registration is required and enrollment is limited.

Registration begins on Tuesday, Jan. 18 and ends on Friday, Jan. 28.

For more information, call the Children's Services at 890-3377 for the Yorktown library, or 890-5110 for the Tabb library.

Story Hours are organized according to age. The Winter/Spring Story Hour schedule will be as follows:

Yorktown library: Tuesdays - 10 to 10:30 a.m., 2 ½ to 3 ½ year olds; 1 to 2 p.m., 4-year-olds through kindergarten. Thursdays - 10 to 11 a.m., 4-year-olds through kindergarten; 1 to 1:30 p.m., 2 ½ to 3 ½ years.

Tabb library: Wednesdays, 10 to 10:30 a.m., 2 ½ to 3 ½ year olds; 1 to 2 p.m., 4-year-olds through kindergarten. Fridays, 10 to 11 a.m., 4-year-olds; 1 to 1:30 p.m., 2 ½ to 3 ½ years old.

YORK TOWN CRIER

February 16 - 22, 2000

**Story Hour offered
at Tabb Library**

The Tabb Library will be offering a Harry Potter Story Hour for kids age 7 and up. Children are invited to join library staff for a 30-minute reading of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," followed by activities, crafts and discussion.

This Story Hour begins on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m., and will run for eight weeks. The program is free, but pre-registration is suggested.

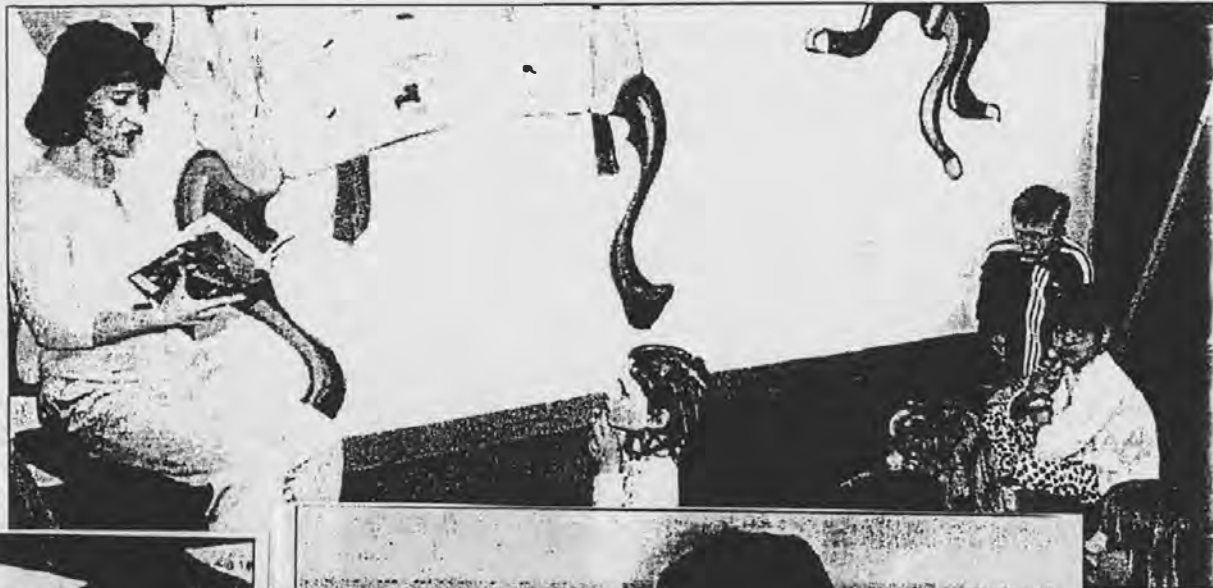
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Harry Potter celebrated at Tabb Library

A series of Harry Potter Story Hours for kids age 7 and up has begun at the York County Public Library in Tabb. Children join library staff for a 30-minute reading of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" each Thursday evening for eight weeks.

Each Story Hour is followed by activities, crafts and discussion. During the first session, the children were asked to draw a picture of one of the characters in Chapters 1 or 2 of the book, or they could draw a picture of the Dursley's house.

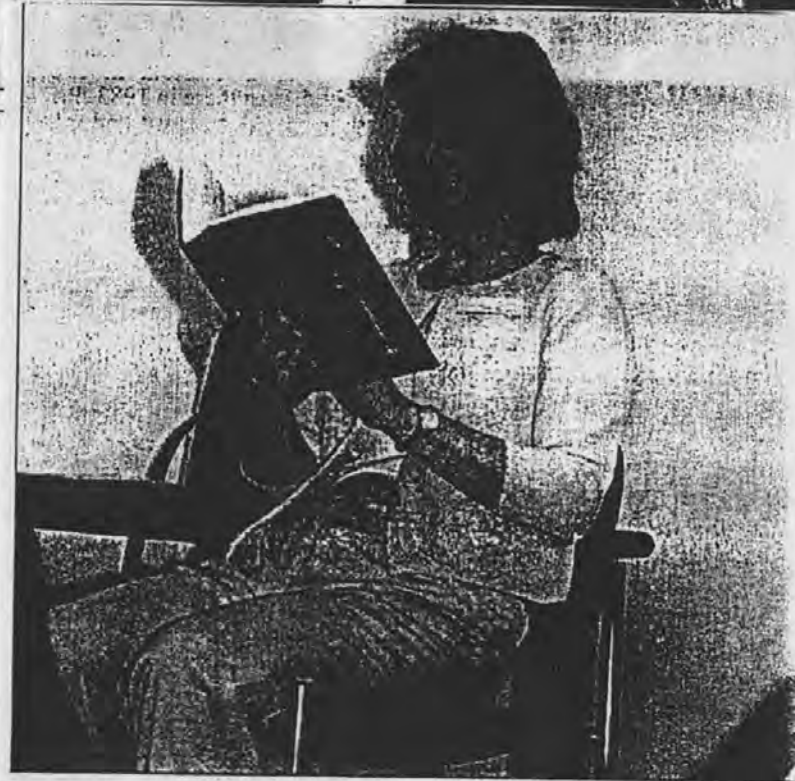
An inter-active play act, with costumes, is planned as a concluding activity.



Photos by Carl Ches



Brianna Rennix traces Potter's image from Time magazine



Cecilia Rennix appears absorbed in the novel

March 8 - 14, 2000

YORK TOWN CRIER



Leah Yegneswaran draws Harry



Danny Bolchoz prepares his version of Harry



Chelsea Prior creates Harry Potter

YORK TOWN CRIER

March 15 - 21, 2000

**Battle of Books
is this month**

The Battle of the Books, a yearly competition sponsored by the Children's Services Department of the York County Library, will be held on March 29 and 30. Students from local area public and private schools, grades four through eight, participate by forming teams to read books and answer questions on

them in a competitive setting.

The York County Local Final for fourth and fifth graders will be held at Coventry Elementary School on Thursday, March 30, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The Battle of the Books York County Local Final for sixth, seventh and eighth graders will be held at the Tabb Public Library Meeting Room on Wednesday, March 29, at 6 p.m.

For more information, parents of eligible students may call York County's Children's Services Department at York's Tabb Library at 890-5110.

YORK TOWN CRIER

March 23 - 28, 2000

**'Yorkscape' project
at library planned**

Thanks to a grant of \$4,000 from the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund, plans are once again in place for the York County Beautification Committee, in partnership with the York County Master Gardeners and

the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, to construct a "Yorkscape" at the new library in Tabb. A Yorkscape is a bay-friendly, ecologically sound, landscape demonstration project.

It will provide an opportunity for all county residents to see environmentally friendly landscape ideas and practices which can be used on their own properties. The project will be in three phases and will begin with an initial planting on Saturday, April 1. Additional plantings will be conducted in the fall of 2000 and the spring of 2001.

Volunteers are being sought to assist with the planting on April 1.

In addition, on Saturday, March 25, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation will host a "Save the Bay" breakfast for participants to learn how to use native plants to create beautiful landscapes that require little water or maintenance.

On planting day, the York County Master Gardeners will be paired with volunteers to provide individual hands-on assistance.

For more information, or to register to participate, call Laurie Halperin at 890-3780.

County plans activities for Library Week

Once upon a time, the local library was a repository of written local knowledge and lore where librarians constantly reminded patrons to "shhhhhh." Times have changed. Libraries now house books, magazines, microfilm and microfiche, videotapes, CDs and computers that offer patrons access to cyberspace. Children's programs incorporate art and live performance, and adults find their local libraries a rich cultural resource.

And the National Library Association thinks all those benefits of local libraries are certainly worth celebrating - ergo, National Library Week, which this year is scheduled for April 9 through 15. The theme is "Read! Learn! Connect! @ the Library."

Throughout the week, the Yorktown and Tabb libraries have scheduled events designed to entertain young and old. All events are free and open to the public.

The goal of this year's celebration is to highlight the wealth of information available at public libraries across the United States. Besides being the perfect place to find a good book to read, the York County Library is fully stocked with every information resource imaginable, from books and magazines to CD-ROMs and Internet access.

Whether for business or pleasure, the York County Library is a one-stop shop for anyone who needs to be "in the know," according to the staff which works hard to

make sure all that information is readily available to library users.

The York County Library's weeklong celebration kicks off at the Tabb library with a concert and the week continues with events slated at both libraries each day. The schedule is:

■ Sunday, April 9, Sweet Harmony family singing group, 2 p.m., Tabb Library Meeting Room

■ Monday, April 10, "Snakes Alive!" presented by the Virginia Living Museum, 2 p.m., Tabb Library Meeting Room; "Genealogy Class," 7 p.m., Yorktown Library Meeting Room

■ Tuesday, April 11, "A Twisted Affair," featuring balloon twister Hayes Press, 1 p.m. Yorktown Library Meeting Room; "The Virginia Company" musical group, 7 p.m., Tabb Library Meeting Room

■ Wednesday, April 12, "A Twisted Affair," 1 p.m., Tabb Library Meeting Room

■ Thursday, April 13, Storyteller "Mrs. B," 1 p.m., Yorktown Library Meeting Room; "The James River Ramblers," the U. S. Army Continental Army Band's Dixieland Ensemble concert, 7 p.m., Tabb Library Meeting Room

■ Friday, April 14, "Internet Basics for Internet Dummies," 6:15, both libraries

■ Saturday, April 15, "Pokemon Tournament," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tabb Library Meeting Room; "Two Arrows in the Wind," 3 p.m., Yorktown Library Meeting Room.

YORK TOWN CRIER

April 5 - 11, 2000

**National Library
Week observed**

Friends of the York County Library are sponsoring a number of events at one of the York County libraries during National Library Week, April 9 through 15.

"A Twisted Affair" will feature a professional balloon twister making balloon creations for kids of all ages. This program will be on Tuesday, April 11, at 1 p.m., at the Yorktown Library and Wednesday, April 12, at 1 p.m. at the Tabb Library.

"Two Arrows in the Wind" will be presented on Saturday, April 15, at 5 p.m. at the Yorktown Library. This presentation will give a glimpse into the lives of Native Americans of the Great Plains and will include a display of native dress, artifacts and stories of the Plains Indians.

Events at the Tabb Library will also include the musical Jenkins family on Sunday, April 9, at 2 p.m. and a chance to learn all about snakes on Monday, April 10, at 4 p.m. The "Snakes Alive" program will be presented by the Virginia Living Museum.

York County residents are encouraged to celebrate National Library Week. All events are free and open to the public.

**Virginia Company
to perform at library**

In celebration of National Library Week, April 9 through 15, the York County Library will present a performance by the Virginia Company on Tuesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Tabb Library.

This three-member musical ensemble of historical performers will present a program of popular music of the 17th and 18th centuries.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the York County Library Foundation.



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK



Yorktown Events

Genealogy Class

Monday, April 10 — 7:00 PM
In the Meeting Room

Are you interested in finding out where your roots lie? Are you searching for a long-lost relative? The York County Library can help you with your search. Sterrie Weaver, library volunteer and genealogy researcher, will introduce the class to the resource materials available in the Library and on the Internet. This class is limited to 30 patrons, so pre-registration is required.

Mrs. B

Thursday, April 13 — 1:00 PM
In the Meeting Room



Mrs. B describes herself as an “interactive storyteller.” She uses audience participation and plenty of props to bring her stories to life and to enthrall her listeners. Her program, “Raindrops and Rainbows,” is targeted for preschoolers and young elementary students. Call the Children’s Desk at 890-5110 for more information.

Two Arrows in the Wind

Saturday, April 15 — 3:00 PM
In the Meeting Room

This presentation gives its audience a glimpse into the lives of the Native Americans of the Great Plains. Bright Sun, “Teller of the myths,” and Swamp Rat, an artifacts historian, will present a display of native dress, artifacts, and stories of the Plains Indians. This presenta-

At Both Libraries

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Tabb Events

Sweet Harmony

Sunday, April 9 — 2:00 PM — In the Meeting Room

The musical Jenkins family was such a grand success at our Opening Day that we've invited them back for an encore performance. Come listen to their smooth stylings of the great songs of yesteryear. This presentation is sponsored by the Friends of the York County Library.

Snakes Alive!

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Presenters from the Virginia Living Museum will teach you everything you've ever wanted to learn about snakes, from the deadly to the docile. See the snakes in action—and touch them, if you dare! This event is sponsored by the Friends of the York County Library.

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Drawn from the musical tradition of Britain and the Baroque and Classical styles, the music of the Virginia Company brings to life the culture and spirit of Colonial Virginia. The three-member ensemble uses period instruments to perform exciting, entertaining popular music of the 17th and 18th centuries. Their sets include traditional songs of the farmlands and taverns of early America as well as "new" 18th century



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Pokémon Tournament

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In the Meeting Room

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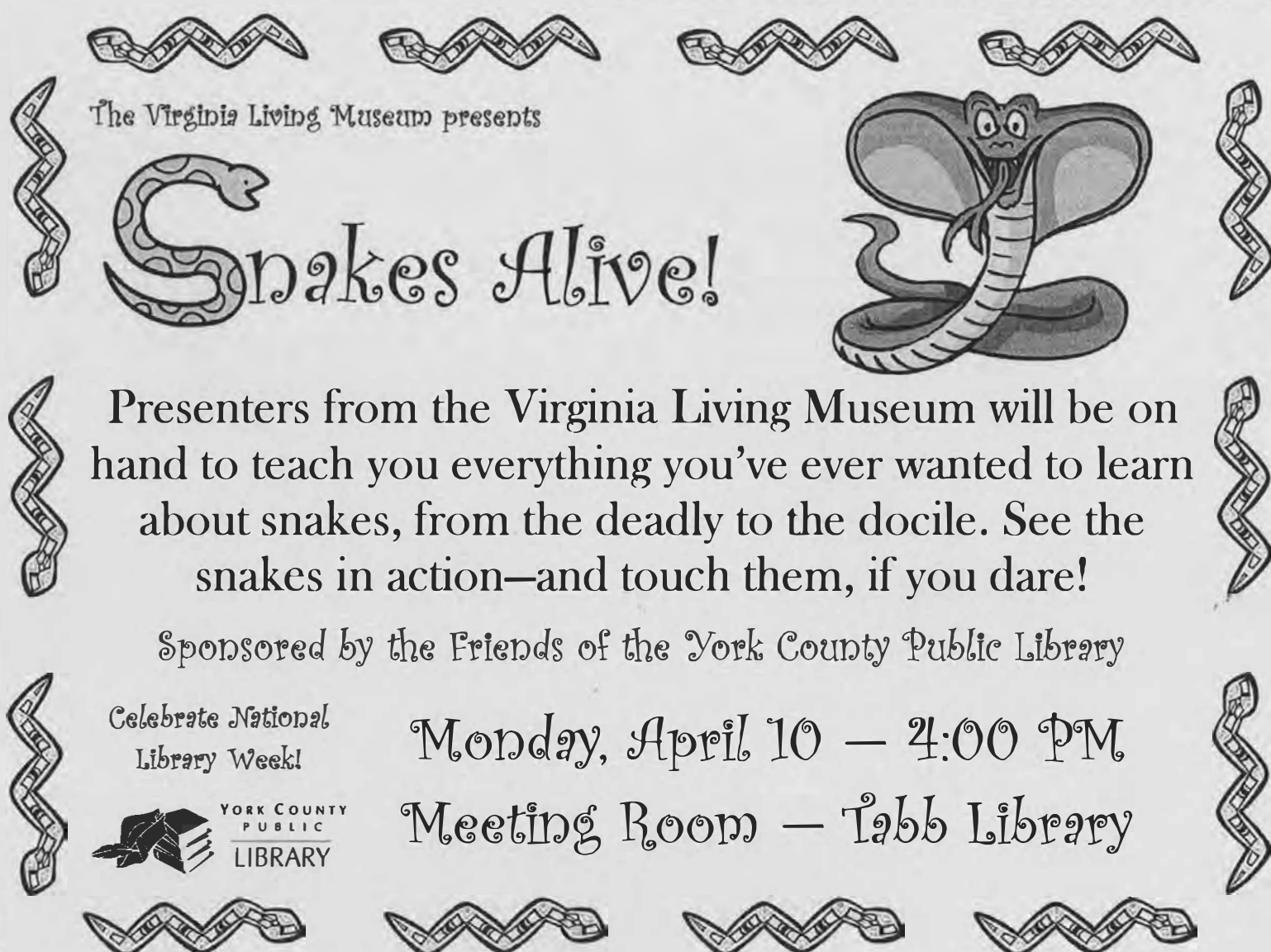
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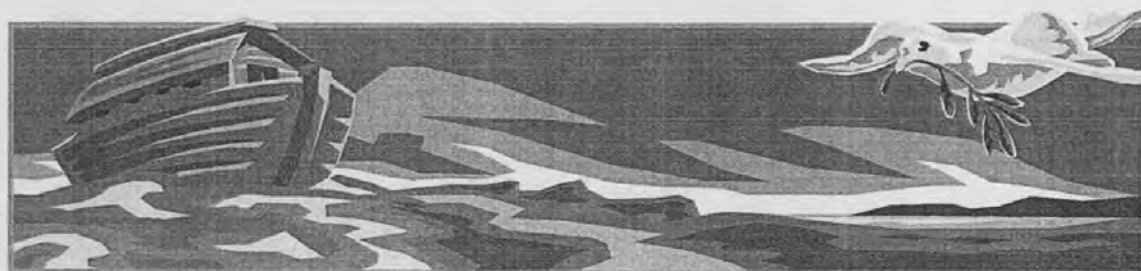
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April 19 - April 25, 2000

York County celebrates National Library Week with books, music, more

Today's libraries have become far more than dusty repositories of books. There are CD collections and video tapes, visual and performing art shows, books-on-tape and special collections which feature everything from personal health to personal finance.

And, of course, there are computers which offer library patrons quick trips to cyberspace and everything that's out there waiting to be accessed via the Internet.

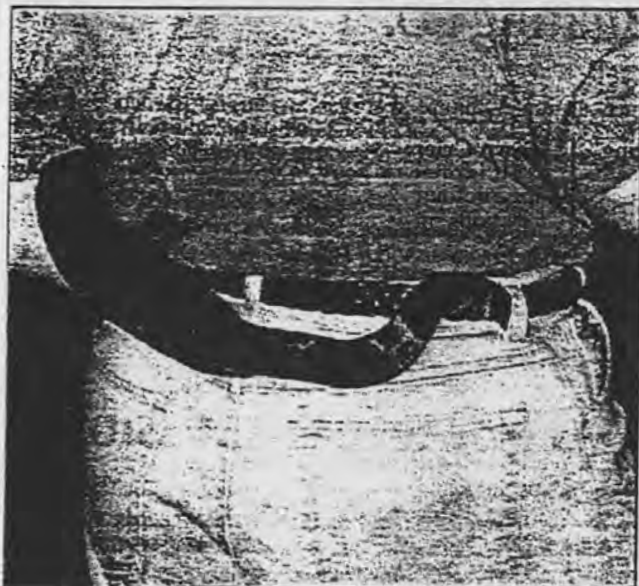
Once a year, during National Library Week, facilities throughout the country celebrate all they've become. This year's theme was "Read! Learn! Connect! @ the Library."

National Library Week was held April 9 through 15, and there was plenty to do at York County's two public libraries. There was music, storytelling, instructional programs on using the Internet, a Pokemon tournament -- and programs which featured some of nature's less understood critters, snakes.

And along the way, committed service organizations like the Yorktown Woman's Club and the York County Republican Women presented books and checks to county libraries to be used to supplement the collection.



The James River Ramblers entertained with Dixieland jazz during Library Week festivities at the Tabb Library.



Snakes alive!

As part of Library Week, the folks at the Tabb and Yorktown libraries welcomed some visitors of the reptilian variety on April 10. Staff from the Virginia Living Museum brought by some snaky friends, much to the delight of a roomful of youngsters. This session at Tabb included kids with plenty of answers, a boa constrictor, a chance to pet a Honduran milk snake, and to watch a boa constrictor give its handler a hug.

York Town Crier photos by Emily McHenry



Photo courtesy of York County Public Library

The York Republican Women also purchased and presented books to the York Library in honor of National Library Week. From left, Sheila Noll, Norma Colton, Mary Clark and Beverly Dudley look over the donation. Noll and Clark are part of the club which is making the donation in conjunction with the Mamie Eisenhower and Barbara Bush literacy programs. Colton and Dudley are on the library staff.



York Town Crier photos by Beth Mesner

Members of the Yorktown Woman's Club recently presented a books and a check to the Tabb Library for purchase of children's books. The donation is part of the National Federation of Womens Club's Libraries 2000 program, which plans to distribute \$12.5 million to libraries nationwide this year. Above, from left, Anne Sundry and Yvonne Adams watch as Children's Librarian Karen Kurzeja receives the club's check from Joanne Van Riper.

Spring Book Sale scheduled

The Friends of the York County Public Library will hold their Spring Book Sale on Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30, at the York Library on Route 17. The sale is open to the public during regular library hours, which are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

There is a sizeable collection of used books for sale. Proceeds from book sales are used to provide additional funding for special programs and projects at both the Tabb and York Libraries.

The Friends of the York County Library are always eager for new members to help them support the local libraries. Applications for membership will be available at the sale.

Membership dues are \$5.00 for an individual and \$10.00 for a family. In addition to the scheduled Spring Book Sale, library patrons should be aware that the Book Sale is always open at the Friends' Room of the Tabb Library during regular business hours.

April 26 - May 2, 2000

Patron usage at libraries gets once-over

By Beth Meisner

Town Crier staff

Are Tabb Library users more likely to log on to the Internet and obtain their information from cyberspace than those using the Yorktown Library are? Are folks in Yorktown just more comfortable dealing with print media resources than their counterparts in the lower end of the county?

At first blush, it would appear that the answers to both questions are "yes," although more data is needed for a definitive comparison - if it really matters.

Once a month, library staff prepares a written report which detail usage, and at first glance, it appears that Tabb patrons are far more into cyberspace than are Yorktown's. In March, 2,542 Tabb Library users signed on to the Internet, while only 945 did so at Yorktown.

Part of the reason - perhaps a goodly part - lies in the fact that Tabb has twice the number of terminals, 12, as does Yorktown, which currently only has six.

"We can keep 12 busy there," Norma Colton said recently. "They're used all the time," the Library staffer added.

Added to is the overall difference in patron population at the two facilities. Tabb's average weekday patron count for March was 588, compared to Yorktown's 369. For weekend use, the numbers were 569 for Tabb and 268 for Yorktown. During the same period, Tabb's average daily Internet use was 82 and its average daily database use

New library sure boosts overall usage

No matter what story specific library numbers tell, it's obvious that the addition of the Tabb Library facility has increased overall library use in York County. From the Librarian's report for March, these some times-whopping figures appear:

■ Books added in March 2000 - 734, compared to 258 last year

■ Books worn out and withdrawn in 2000 - 228, up from 69

■ Patrons registered this year - 895, up from 342 in March of 1999

■ Number of items loaned in 2000 - 36,325, up from 24,996

■ Average daily circulation in both libraries in March 2000 - 1,172, up from 806

■ Reference questions answered this year - 4,597, up from 2,837

■ First notices for overdue books in March 2000 - 1,072, up from 764 in 1999.

was 33. For Yorktown, the average daily Internet use was 31 and the average database use was 15.

Interestingly, when one week was singled out for an in-depth Please see LIBRARY, Page 18

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study, Yorktown patrons seemed to remain more faithful to printed material than did Tabb Library users. While Tabb's average daily patron count was 219 more than Yorktown's, use of printed material at Yorktown was almost as high in most categories - and exceeded

Tabb's in one.

For the week of March 20 to March 26, patrons at both libraries used a total of 2,507 periodicals and books. Tabb's total daily average was 186; Yorktown's was 172. Of that total, Tabb patrons accounted for an average of 157 books each day, Yorktown patrons for 132. And at Tabb, the average periodical use

was 29 per day, while at Yorktown, 219 fewer patrons used periodicals an average of 39 times a day.

Is a pattern emerging?

It's probably too early to tell.

And if patrons of one library tend to rely on the Internet while patrons at the other remain more faithfully wedded to printed material, will that have an effect on purchasing and

planning resources for the two facilities?

That's a question staff can and will consider - when enough data has been gathered to quantify if materials choice is significant and, if so, what should be done to accommodate users at both facilities.

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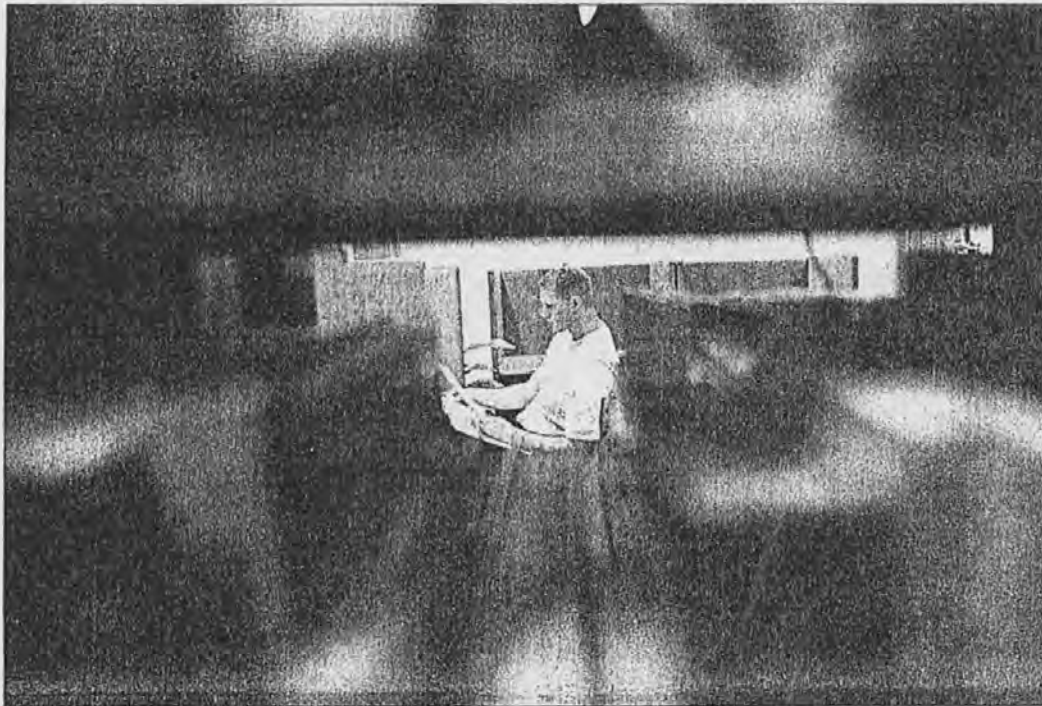












Photos by Karen deWysocki/Daily Press

Ryan Rockwell of Newport News studies for a college course at the Yorktown library. The library is expected to be renovated beginning in October at an estimated cost of \$480,000.

Yorktown plans to close library for renovations

By Greg A. Lohr
Daily Press

YORK

The Yorktown library on Route 17 will close for several weeks this fall for renovations. When it reopens, patrons should notice marked improvements — inside and out — including new carpet, more computers and brighter lights.

Work is likely to start in October and continue for six to eight weeks. It is expected to cost \$480,000.

The building's exterior and basic layout will stay the same, but the upgrades will touch almost every area and aspect of the building.

Patrons returning to the library after the renovation will find a new brick sign outside and repaired brick archways. Stepping inside, they'll walk across new tile in the foyer. Farther on, into the library itself, they'll see newly painted walls, new furniture and rearranged bookshelves.

The reference desk — now tucked toward the back of the library — will



A young patron stands on a stool to reach a book Wednesday at the Yorktown library.

be moved front and center, so patrons will spot it as soon as they come in. The number of computers with Internet access will double, from six to 12, said Beverly Dudley, who oversees this library and the newer branch in Tabb.

The changes are likely to be all the more striking because of how much the library has deteriorated.

"It's gotten to be in very, very bad shape," Supervisor Don Wiggins said.

Please see Library/C2

Library

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"Everything is just so outdated. It's just completely dilapidated."

The library's condition is an "embarrassment," said Walt Zaremba, chairman of the Board of Supervisors. "The carpets are all stained and yucky."

Add cracked ceiling tiles to the

list. Top those with discolored walls. Don't forget the clock in the staff lunchroom that no longer keeps the correct time.

And then there's the lighting.

"We've always had trouble with the lighting," Dudley said. "We had complaints, so we knew we had to do something about that."

Dudley has mixed emotions about the renovations. She knows they're needed. She also knows that library workers face the

daunting task of preparation — they have to pack up 60,000 books and audio-visual materials.

"That's a lot of boxes," Dudley said.

She paused and — with a laugh and enough sarcasm to fill a lot more boxes — added, "It's going to be fun."

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Felton to hold book signing

On Saturday, July 29, the York County Public Library will host a book signing with Yorktown resident Karen L. Felton. She is the author of the book "Draw Nigh," an inspirational journal and poetry collection.

"Draw Nigh" is Felton's first published work. The book is a collection of poems and journal entries focusing on prayer and time given to devotion. She produced this book in hopes of inspiring her readers to read, write, recite and live purposefully and devotionally.

Felton will be signing copies of "Draw Nigh" at the York County Public Library in Tabb from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The book signing is free and open to the public.

Compiled by Lois Chesley



Chick-fil-A donating 2 books to the library
Elizabeth Pessagno
Red Witten
Scott Peto
Kevin Harrison
(Local peninsula restaurant owners)

Aug. 2000



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York stands pat on deer-hunting laws

By Mark Di Vincenzo
Daily Press

YORK

Deer in York County still have to worry about getting hit by cars, as often happens there, but they don't have to worry about getting shot.

The county Board of Supervisors took no action Tuesday on a matter that would have allowed hunters with permits to shoot deer on land set aside for agriculture, as long as the land is five acres or larger.

By doing nothing, the proposed law will not come up again — at least not soon.

It came up in the first place because a recent General Assembly law mandates that any county that prohibits the firing of firearms, as York does in certain parts of the county, must provide an exception for deer hunting on land "zoned for agricultural use."

Technically, York has no land

zoned "agriculture," though it has four zones that allow crop and live-stock farming, as well as aquacul-ture. For this reason, County Attor-ney James Barnett told board members, they can take the position that there is no land in the county "zoned for agricultural use."

County Administrator Daniel Stuck recommended that they do so because of concerns that deer hunters might accidentally shoot people. In York County, many parcels of five acres or more where farming does or can occur are "uncomfort-ably close" to neighborhoods, Stuck wrote in a memo to board members.

Before board members decided to take no action, board Chairman Wal-ter Zarembo asked Barnett, "Who might challenge our decision to do nothing?"

"Someone who really wants to use a shotgun," Barnett replied.

The board's action — inaction,

actually — doesn't prevent bow-and-arrow hunters with permits from hunting deer in the county during deer-hunting season.

In other business:

■ Stuck said the library in York-town would be closed for renova-tions longer than planned.

The library, which will close on Monday, isn't expected to reopen until just before year's end. He said the county couldn't find a company to deliver new counters for the library before the middle of December. Then the company must install them.

The library in the Tabb part of the county — as well as Williams-burg Regional Library, used by many residents in the northern part of the county — will remain open.

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2nd Maryus Road fire may be arson, Gloucester law officer says

Daily Press

GLOUCESTER

Another house fire on Maryus Road is being inves-tigated as a possible arson, Capt. Darrell Warren of the Gloucester Sheriff's Office said on Tuesday.

The fire, reported about 6:40 p.m. Saturday, caused about \$40,000 in damage to a house owned by Leon Clan-cy Warren said. The cause hasn't been determined, but the fire is being investigated because there was a sus-picious fire only a few houses away Sept. 11, he said.

There was a fire at another house in the neigh-borhood Sept. 9, but Warren said last week that the two pre-vious fires didn't appear to be related.

In other incidents:

■ Two men allegedly being disorderly in the drive-through lane at the Taco Bell in Hayes late Sunday ended

up facing several charges. Marvin R. Tillage, 38, of Math-ews was carrying a substance thought to be marijuana, and William E. Smith, 38, of Hartfield was carrying a syringe, Warren said. Deputies found cocaine and drug paraphernalia in the van that the men were in, he said. Tillage was charged with possessing cocaine, possessing marijuana and a probation violation. Smith was charged with possession of cocaine.

■ About \$1,243 worth of items were taken from Old Hooker's Bait and Tackle at Gloucester Point between 8 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. Monday. Someone broke in and took a fishing rod, \$400 in cash, a cellular telephone, 12 cases of beer and 12 bags of blood worms.

■ Two boys, one 14 and the other 16, are being charged with possession of marijuana after allegedly passing marijuana Friday within view of a deputy

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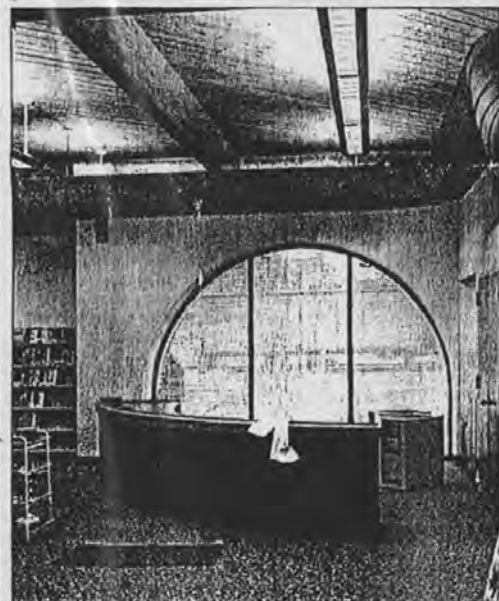
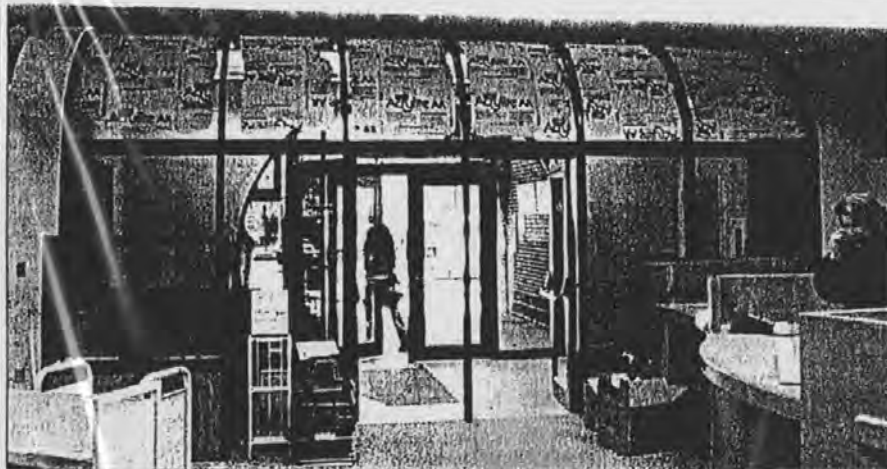
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Face lift

Work is on schedule for the planned re-opening of the Yorktown Library. Closed for the past six months for extensive renovations and refurbishing, the library will re-open on Jan. 10, at 10 a.m. The reference desk has moved, new carpeting has been installed and the area for Internet computers has expanded. Photos seen here show work being done in the last week before the scheduled re-opening.



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Yorkscape project begins September 9

The York County Beautification Committee, partnered with the York County Master Gardeners and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, will present the initial planting of the Yorkscape project at the Tabb library on Saturday, September 9 from 8 AM to 12 PM.

Yorkscape is a bay-friendly and ecologically sound landscape demonstration project. It will provide an opportunity for York County residents to see environ-

mentally friendly landscape ideas and practices they can use on their own properties. The project will have three phases; the next two phases will be conducted in the spring and fall of 2001.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the planting on September 9. The York County Master Gardeners will be paired with volunteers to provide individual, hands-on assistance. For additional information, please contact Laurie Halperin at 890-3780.

Basic and intermediate Internet classes in September and October

The Tabb library will host introductory and intermediate Internet classes through the months of September and October. The Library has scheduled these classes thanks to the overwhelming and positive response we have received from our past Internet courses.

These classes are intended to teach you the basic steps in using the Internet. In the class, you will learn how to use the Internet to your advantage, including how to send e-mail, use search engines, and surf the Net safely.

Teaching the class will be Jim Gainer, an Independent Technology Consultant for Handtech.com. Mr. Gainer holds a B.S. in business management and an M.B.A. with focus on information systems. He has a wealth of

computer experience, and he enjoys helping people get the most out of their computers. Mr. Gainer's first class at the Tabb library, held this past May, was received with enthusiasm and compliments by the patrons who attended.

The beginner-level Internet classes will be held on Friday, September 22 and Friday, October 13 at 6:15 PM. The intermediate-level classes will take place on Friday, September 29 and Friday, October 20, also at 6:15 PM. All classes will be held at the Tabb library, and each class is limited to six people per class. All class spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve your seat, please sign up at the Tabb library's Reference Desk or call 890-5120 for more information.

Friends of the Library book sale September 23 and 24

The Friends of the York County Public Library will hold their quarterly book sale at the Yorktown library on Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24, during library hours. The Friends invite you to help support the Library by purchasing a book. The Friends have a sizeable collection of used books that need a good home—take one home with you!

If you miss out on the Yorktown sale, don't panic! The book sale is always on in the Friends Room at the Tabb library. If you see a book you like, take it off the shelf and pay for it at the Circulation Desk.

*The Library
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CLOSED
on Sunday,
September 3
and Monday,
September 4
in observance
of
LABOR DAY*

Munchtime Classics for kids starts Monday, September 18

Too often, after age five or six, children miss the excitement and pleasure of being read to aloud. This past June, Children's Services began a new program called Munchtime Classics, designed to give kids aged 7 to 10 the opportunity to listen while munching. It was such a huge success that Children's Services will begin a new Munchtime Classics program this month!

During the weeks of September 18-22 and September 22-29, kids can come every weekday to the Tabb library to listen to a great book while they munch. About two chapters will be read each day between 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM. Book and author discus-

sions and activity pages will enhance this reading experience for homeschool, public, and private school students. Participants should plan on bringing a brown bag lunch and a drink.

This program is free, but space is limited. Call the Children's Desk at 890-5110 to register.



The Children's Page is the site to see

Are you wondering what story hours are coming up next month? Would you like to see the reading list for this year's Battle of the Books? Do you have a suggestion or a question for our Children's Services librarians? All the information you need is online!

The Children's Page on the Library website is the place where you can find out the latest goings-on in the Children's section of your library. Karen Kurzeja, head of Children's Services, has worked hard to keep the site looking great and packed with information!

Currently, the page features the schedules and subjects for this fall's Story Hours, information on the Buggy Babies and Munchtime Classics programs, and the Suggestion Box, the place to find an answer for your questions about the Children's section. You can also take a look back at all the fun we had during this year's Summer Reading program.

You can find the Children's Page on the World Wide Web at this address: <http://www.co.york.va.us/childrens/>

Buggy Babies begins September 7

The Buggy Babies program is designed for children from birth to two years old. This program offers "pre-toddlers" and caregivers an opportunity to participate in a short, fun session filled with songs, nursery rhymes, short stories, and simple finger plays. We want to initiate a life-long relationship with your child and books by sharing the joys of words and pictures. Our primary goal, though, is to have fun as a group!

The Buggy Babies program will be held every Thursday in September at 10:15 AM and 11:00 AM at the Tabb library. This program is free, but space is limited. Call the Children's Desk at 890-5110 to register.

Register for fall Story Hours

It's almost time for Story Hours to start again! Children's Services will resume their popular Story Hour program for children aged 2½ through kindergarten starting the week of October 2.

Registration begins Monday, September 18. Call the Tabb library at 890-5110 or the Yorktown library at 890-3377 to register your child.

Want to see what we'll be reading about in Story Hours? Check out the Children's Page on the Internet: <http://www.co.york.va.us/childrens/>



Need a book? Look for it online

If you need to find out if the Library has a book you're looking for, but you can't get to the Library to check, don't worry—look online!

The Library's web site offers visitors two ways to tour the Library's catalog. One option is WebPAC, the web-based version of our computerized catalog. WebPAC works just like the catalogs in the Library. You can search for items by title, author, or subject, find out if the materials you need are on the shelves, and place holds. You can also check on your patron information pages to see how many items you have checked out, the holds

you have placed, and any overdue fines you may have on your record.

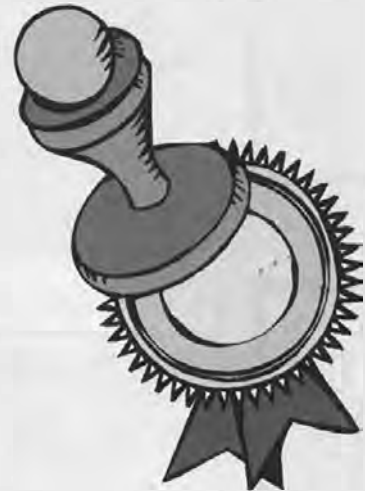
If WebPAC doesn't work for you, try DialPAC, the text-based catalog. If you have the HyperTerminal program, you can use your modem to access DialPAC and browse the catalog. DialPAC has most of the features of WebPAC, most importantly the ability to search the catalog and place holds on items.

For more details on these programs, as well as the direct link to WebPAC, Go to this page on the Library web site:

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Free notary service available at Tabb

The Library is proud to offer a free notary service to our patrons. If you need a document notarized, come to the Tabb library on weekdays between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM—please call ahead to make arrangements. If you have a picture ID, our notary public will notarize your documents free of charge.



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Library Main Line	890-3377
Information Recording	890-3376
TDD	890-3300

Tabb Library

100 Long Green Blvd.
(at the intersection of Hampton Hwy. and
Long Green Blvd.)

Library Information	890-5100
Circulation Desk	890-5130
Reference Desk	890-5120
Library Administration	890-5105
Children's Desk	890-5110

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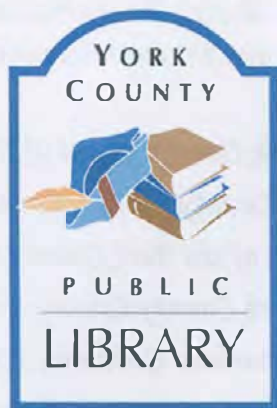
- Free Internet access with a library card
- Public computers with Microsoft Word 97, Excel 97, and PowerPoint 97
- Public typewriters
- Yorktown meeting room (65 persons)
- Tabb meeting room (110 persons)
- Children's Story Hours
- Summer Reading Program
- Tax forms
- Free notary service at Tabb only!
(8:30 AM–4:30 PM — Call in advance)
- Voter registration
- Law Library (Print collection at Tabb)
- Virginiana Room at Yorktown
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- Electronic Database Resources

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Yorktown Library Grand Reopening Celebration



*Sunday, February 11, 2001
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM
York County Public Library
at Yorktown*

Schedule of Events

2:00 PM

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

*at the Internet computers
with Welcome and Remarks by*

Janice Farley

Chairperson, York County Library Board of Trustees

2:15 to 3:30 PM

"Love Your Library" Story Hour and Face-Painting

in the Children's Corner

Presented by YCPL Children's Services

4:00 PM

*A Musical Performance
by the Yorktown Choral
in the Periodicals section*

*Refreshments are available
in the Meeting Room*

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Lona Trebour

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Taylor's Painting

Yorktown Flower Shoppe

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Freedom Flooring

cia Spencer says the students will dress in a more traditional uniform look. She doesn't expect that to bother her students because they are very young — in kindergarten through second grade.

Girls will wear a white button-down or oxford shirt with navy jumpers or skirts. They'll also wear navy or white tights or navy or white socks. Boys will wear white button-down or

sent home surveys with its 350 students. It asked parents whether they favored the idea and whether they would want to start a uniform dress code after the winter holiday break or at the start of the 2001-2002 school year.

The surveys that came back showed that almost all parents supported the idea. The school received 194 survey responses, and 192 of them supported the

year, Marshall will set up an exchange of some sort, so older students could give their outgrown clothes to their younger counterparts.

Or the outgrown clothes might go on sale for a small fee of \$1 or \$2.

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Yorktown Library reopens

By Holly Roberson
Daily Press

YORK

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"It was kind of in bad shape," said Bob Peters, chief of engineering and facility maintenance for York County. "The interior needed updating."

Built in 1984, the Yorktown Library was the first one run by

the county. Before that, volunteers ran a library out of a storefront in the Grafton shopping center, said Norma Colton, Yorktown branch manager.

The library was modern when it opened, Colton said, but it had begun to show its age recently.

"It needed to be brought up to the newer level of technology," she said.

The library's carpet has been replaced, and the walls are redone. The computers have been updated, and additional equipment has been added.

Lighting has been installed, and the shelves have been rearranged to make more space.

While the main library was closed, residents in York County could use the other library in Tabb or a makeshift branch at Crooks Memorial United Methodist Church in Yorktown.

Books could be returned there or checked out by order from Tabb.

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Eatery

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The problem is that Mr. V's Restaurant — in a largely residential neighborhood — is on the site of a former restaurant. But the earlier business — Carr's Place, which operated for 50 years — was allowed under what is called a legal nonconforming

use. And under the law, that status is lost if either of two things happens: the business ceases to operate for 24 months or up to 75 percent of it is destroyed.

VanAlstine's situation fits the first condition: Carr's Place closed in late 1996 and the 24-month deadline has long since passed. To open now, the property would have to be rezoned commercial, something the neighborhood and its civic asso-

ciation oppose.

"I didn't know I had that time limit," VanAlstine said on Wednesday.

"I didn't understand the grandfather clause was going to run out on me. I would have speeded up the process if I had known that."

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next.

"I was the youngest of three brothers," Monaco begins a scene, speaking with a Hispanic accent. His oldest brother, he says, was killed in Desert Storm by friendly fire. He says his other brother was shot in a drive-by.

His mother says God will comfort him, but he doesn't feel that way. He's just trying to stay alive.

Chapmyn takes the stage, acting like a little boy. He talks of his dad fighting with his mom. Later, the boy hears his dad awake in the night, crying. His dad apologizes and says, "A black man can't make it in this world no more." The father shoots the family, including himself. The boy lives.

Monaco takes on the next

person not far from you needs your love, not you

The two slip back into ent characters.

Monaco acts as a ga He's heard the news ab lege student Matthew S who was killed because gay. "Matthew Shepa today," he says, "Must hi er die tomorrow?"

The play is coming to "I'm glad I'm not black kind of talk is this?" Cl says, taking on the rol original character: "You find yourself a life, whit

Monaco, back as his character, replies, "Jewis "You ain't wearing those funny-looking hats, myn says.

"Yarmulke," Monaco The two launch into

Drugs

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to comment outside.

McCormack immediately questioned Budal's credibility, citing that she had sexual relations with Roper and at least two other people identified in the investigation.

Roper is the fourth person identified in the investigation to face a court-martial hearing.

In pleading guilty, Roper told Judge Col. Mary Boone he used ecstasy five to 10 times while visiting New York City, sniffed ketamine, known as Special K, several times in New York City and injected steroids on more than one occasion from his dorm room.

He also admitted to smoking marijuana once in the dorm parking lot and selling ecstasy to at least three airmen and the special agent from his dorm. On another occasion, Roper told the

judge he bought two hits for friends while at a p Virginia Beach.

The Air Force has rele the about the investigati ing a fear of jeopardizing ing trials. Officials did the Air Force Office of Investigations got wind sible drug use by airmen led to a three-month inv tion that started in M ended up implicating a sailors and civilians Peninsula and the South

Twenty-six airmen, them lower-enlisted me are facing disciplinary : for use, possession or di tion of various drugs, inc ecstasy, LSD, steroids an juana. Nineteen of those: ing possible administrati ishment, which in dismissal from the servic

Four sailors and al dozen civilians, accorc Langley officials, are als cated in the drug probe.

A Norfolk Police Depa

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**Please be patient with us
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Grand re-opening

The Yorktown Library reopened Feb. 11, after months of renovation and updating efforts. The younger set had plenty of opportunities to enjoy craft activities at the re-opening festivities.

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Read!

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In Brief



Graduation 2001

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Genealogical workshop set

A workshop designed to help people learn how and where to do research about their family histories, or historical events, will take place on Saturday, June 2, at 10 a.m., at the Yorktown Public Library.

Speakers will include: Lynn Jenkins, Clerk of the Circuit Court; Jennifer Jones, Colonial Williamsburg; Patricia Ferguson Watkinson, Research Archivist of the Library of Virginia; Merle Kimball, Serials and Preservation Librarian, Swem Library; and Russell Hopson, Free African-American History; Frank Green, President, York County Historical Society, speaking about the Virginia State Historical Society; Robert T. Holloway, Jr., President, Poquoson Historical Society, speaking about the Poquoson Library and Rootcellar; and a member of the Reference Staff of the York County

Those who attend will be able to learn where these facilities are located, what information is available there, and how to access this information.

This Workshop is free to the public and is being sponsored by the York County Historical Society, the York County Historical Committee, and the Poquoson Historical Society as a means of interesting more people in researching their heritage.

For more information call Bonnie Karwac, Chair, York County Historical Committee at 898-3727.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

meetings

Sigma Phi Delta chapter will have its special on March 31, a night, at the home of Rick.

Sigma Phi Laureate chapter will meet Tuesday at the home of Parker. The probable "Sparkle, Sparkle

Sigma Phi Xi Epsilon will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the home of Peggy Nor. program will be on "Grocery Shopping." members will also select a member of the Year who presented at Founder's convention: 898-4488.

Sigma Phi Virginia Master chapter will meet at 30 p.m. Monday at the home of Lancy Moore. The probable on the Victory Arch. own Newport News by Mrs. V. Edwards. members will also be attending Sigma Phi area lunch at 11 a.m. April 7 at the home.

Sigma Phi Peninsula will hold the Annual

iday Inn Conference Center, 1815 W. Mercury Blvd. in Hampton. Recording artists "The Showmen" will provide the entertainment, and there will be hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Proceeds will benefit The Blanche W. Taliaferro Scholarship Fund, Hampton University. For information, call Eunice Ward, 722-0639; April Phelps Burriss 851-5179 or Donna Phelps-Thomas 1-800-985-9420.

p.m. Saturday at 209 Unit O in Yorktown. tion: 874-3000.

SPRUCE UP. Opera Up at Kid's Island will be 9 a.m.-2 p.m. is located on Odd Road of Poquoson High. drinks and lunch will be for volunteers. It is co-sponsored by Poquoson Community Relations Office and the Poquoson and Recreation Department. For information, call Hanes, 868-3588.

WASH. Two Free C Wheelchair Wash. p.m. April 6 and 27. parking lot of St. Mary's Church on Chapel Street. For information, call Jennifer Sieracki, 622-22 or St. Mary's Home for Children.

Seminars/workshops

GENEALOGY. A C Workshop will be held April 7 at The Maritime Museum, Huntington Road, Newport News. The African Historical and Genea

Library

LIBRARY WEEK. National Library Week is Monday-April 7 and York County Public Library will be celebrating with activities including Peninsula Youth Orchestra at 2 p.m. Sunday; Drop-In Story Hour: Hats and More Hats at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday; Indoor Gardening with 4-H Clover Buds 4 and 4:45 p.m. Tuesday; Genealogy Class at 7 p.m. Tuesday; Mother Nature's Traveling Road Show: Reptile Mania at 4 p.m. April 5, and a pre-dinner social hour with music by the Yorktown Chorale at 6:30 p.m. April 6. These events are sponsored by the Friends of the York County Library. Information: 890-5120.

York celebrates Library Week

To celebrate National Library Week, April 1 through 7, the York County Public Library has scheduled a variety of events for both young and old at both the Yorktown and Tabb libraries. All events are free of charge.

The goal of National Library Week is to highlight the wealth of information available at public libraries across the United States. Both of York County's libraries have abundant information resources, from books and magazines to CD-ROM databases and access to the Internet.

The library begins its National Library Week festivities with a performance by the Peninsula Youth Orchestra at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 1, at the Tabb library. All of the scheduled events are sponsored by the Friends of the York County Library.

For more information on the

week's events, call the Yorktown library at 890-5207 or the Tabb library at 890-5120.

Sunday, April 1

•Peninsula Youth Orchestra, 2 p.m., Fireplace, Tabb Library

Tuesday, April 3

•Drop-In Story Hour: "Hats and More Hats," 10:30 a.m., Meeting Room, Yorktown Library

•Indoor Gardening with 4-H Clover Buds, 4 & 4:45 p.m., Meeting Room, Tabb Library

•Genealogy Class, 7 p.m., Meeting Room, Yorktown Library

•Book Talk with Pamela Harper, author of Time, Tested Plants: Thirty Years in a Four-Season Garden, 7 p.m., Meeting Room, Tabb Library

Wednesday, April 4

•"Babies and Books" seminar for new and expectant mothers, presented in partnership with Riverside Health Systems, 10:30 a.m.,

Meeting Room, Tabb Library

•Drop-In Story Hour: "Hats and More Hats, 1 p.m., Meeting Room, Tabb Library

•How to Build a Birdhouse, presented by Home Depot, 4 p.m., Meeting Room, Tabb Library

•Knights and Dragons and Superheroes, presented by Busch Gardens, 6 p.m., Meeting Room, Yorktown Library

Thursday, April 5

•Mother Nature's Traveling Road Show: "Reptile Mania," presented by the Virginia Living Museum, 4 p.m., Meeting Room, Yorktown Library

•Knights and Dragons and Superheroes, presented by Busch Gardens, 6 p.m., Meeting Room, Tabb Library

•Pre-Dinner Social Hour, with music by the Yorktown Chorale, 6:30 p.m., Fireplace, Tabb Library



Yorktown Choral

Sunday, April 1

Peninsula Youth Orchestra
2:00 PM – Tabb Fireplace

Tuesday, April 3

Drop-In Story Hour

10:30 AM – York Meeting Room

Indoor Gardening for Kids

4 & 4:45 PM – Tabb Meeting Room

Genealogy Class

7:00 PM – York Meeting Room

Pamela Harper

7:00 PM – Tabb Meeting Room

Wednesday, April 4

Babies and Books

10:30 AM – Tabb Meeting Room

Drop-In Story Hour

1:00 PM – Tabb Meeting Room

Birdhouse Building

4:00 PM – Tabb Meeting Room

Knights & Dragons & Such

6:30 PM – York Meeting Room

Thursday, April 5

**Mother Nature's
Traveling Road Show
"Reptile Mania"**

4:00 PM – York Meeting Room

Knights & Dragons & Such

6:30 PM – Tabb Meeting Room

Friday, April 6

Pre-Dinner Social Hour

*with a performance by
the Yorktown Chorale*

6:30 PM – Tabb Meeting Room

at both libraries

Drop-In Story Hour

Tuesday, April 3 – 10:30 AM – Yorktown Meeting Room

Wednesday, April 4 – 1:00 PM – Tabb Meeting Room

Kids aged 2½ to kindergarten are invited to our Story Hours about "Hats and More Hats." These Story Hours are open to everyone—no pre-registration required!

Knights and Dragons and Such

Presented by Busch Gardens

Wednesday, April 4 – 6:30 PM – Yorktown Meeting Room

Thursday, April 5 – 6:30 PM – Tabb Meeting Room

Kids aged 4 through 12 are invited to share in the fun and magic of "Knights and Dragons and Such." This participatory theatrical presentation will show kids the importance and fun of reading while letting their fantasies and imaginations run wild.



at Yorktown

Genealogy Class

Tuesday, April 3 – 7:00 PM – Yorktown Meeting Room

Library volunteer Sterrie Weaver will introduce patrons to the vast array of resources available in the Library and on the Internet. The class will be instructed on how to use the databases the Library has available for researching family histories and pedigrees. Call 890-5120 or 890-5207 to register for this class.

Mother Nature's Traveling Road Show

presented by the Virginia Living Museum

Thursday, April 5 – 4:00 PM – Yorktown Meeting Room

The Library invites you to get caught up in "Reptile Mania!" Come and see all sorts of snakes, lizards, and other cold-blooded critters in person and up close—you can even touch them, if you dare!



at Tabb

Peninsula Youth Orchestra

Sunday, April 1 – 2:00 PM – Tabb Fireplace

These talented kids, aged 6 to 12, will display their musical ability as the kickoff entertainment for National Library Week. Come by and show your support for these young musicians!

Indoor Gardening for Kids

Tuesday, April 3 – 4:00 & 4:45 PM – Tabb Meeting Room

The York County 4-H Teen Council and Master Gardeners will present two sessions teaching children how to start and cultivate an indoor garden. Space is limited for these sessions—call 890-5110 to register beginning Tuesday, March 20.

Book Talk with Pamela Harper

Tuesday, April 3 – 7:00 PM – Tabb Meeting Room

Gardening expert Pamela Harper will be on hand to discuss her book, *Time-Tested Plants: Thirty Years in a Four-Season Garden*. Join in on this discussion and get advice on gardening techniques tailored to the Tidewater climate. No registration is necessary to attend.



Babies and Books

In partnership with Riverside Health Systems

Wednesday, April 4 – 10:30 AM – Tabb Meeting Room

Dreama Croft of the Library Children's department and pediatrician Dr. Jane Hall will introduce new and expectant mothers to different ways to interest their infants in reading, from language-based toys and games to books designed to be read to infants. No pre-registration is necessary.

How to Build a Birdhouse

presented by Home Depot

Wednesday, April 4 – 6:30 PM – Tabb Meeting Room

If you're between the ages of 8 and 14, and you check out a book between March 18 and 28, you'll be able to enter a drawing to participate in our birdhouse-building workshop. Presenters from Home Depot will bring all the supplies and teach you how to make a birdhouse, step by step.

Pre-Dinner Social Hour

Friday, April 6 – 6:30 PM – Tabb Meeting Room

Join the Library community for a celebration to close out the week's festivities. Light appetizers and sparkling cider will be served, and the Yorktown Chorale will entertain the crowd. This celebration is open to the public!



RECEPTION

Genealogy
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Gifts to read

As part of the Barbara Bush Literacy-Mamie Eisenhower Library Project, the York Republican Women's Club annually donates \$100 to purchase books for York County's two libraries. The selection for this year includes: "Ronald Reagan: The Presidential Portfolio," by Lou Cannon; "One Nation- America Remembers September 11, 2001," by the Life Magazine staff; "Mother Power: Discover the Difference that Women Have Made All Over the World," by Jacqueline Plumez;" and "Building Character through Literature: A Guide for Middle School Readers," by Rosann Jweid. Above, the presentation was made last week. From left, Beverly Dudley, library manager; Sheila Noll, the club's Book Project Chairman; Mary Clark, president of the York Republican Women's Club; and Norma Colton, assistant librarian.

May 2002

'Prepared for the worst,' racist meeting was calm

"We prepared for the worst and hoped for the best," was how York County Administrator James "Mac" McReynolds put it at a press briefing May 4. McReynolds, Virginia State Police Maj. Steve Flaherty York-Poquoson Sheriff Danny Diggs briefed the press after white supremacists and protesters had cleared the Tabb Library grounds on Saturday.

Preparing for the worst might well have made for the best. There was a huge display of security on the library grounds, peppered throughout the nearby woods and in an adjacent neighborhood.

Often, where the white supremacists of the World Church of the Creator go, violence follows. Diggs, other members of the York County Sheriffs Office and law enforcement personnel from federal, state and area localities were determined there would be no violence in York County.

"There was a lot of cooperation," Diggs noted. Ensuring the peace involved: Virginia State Police, Gloucester County Sheriff's Office, Poquoson, Williamsburg, James City County, Hampton, Newport News, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach police departments, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, the Virginia Department of Corrections, the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail, the Virginia Department of



York's Capt. Frank Crotty was all over the library grounds May 4.

Transportation and the FBI.

In addition to law enforcement, the York County Fire and Life Safety Department, the York County School Division and the York County Department of General Services had a hand in securing the site. In addition to personnel, security efforts included closing down one of the eastbound lanes of Route 134 and placing huge concrete barriers on the road and in the library parking lot.

Neither Diggs nor the State Police will disclose much information on the logistics of the operation. Should a similar

event occur in the area, much of what they did and learned for this one could be used again, Diggs noted.

They wouldn't say how many officers were on the scene -- although they did include mounted officers, snipers on the library roof, a chopper flying circles overhead, scores of officers in riot gear and a phalanx of troopers.

Feeding and hydrating all those officers on site was handled by the York County Business Association. On April 19, Bruce Peterson, YCBA president, sent out a memo saying that Deputy Penny Diggs, the YCBA's 2001 Officer of the Year, had asked if the club could support the effort.

And it did.

Members canvassed local businesses asking for free or reduced-priced food. They also sought donations from businesses and individuals to help pay for the effort. And the evening of May 3, several YCBA members set up an assembly line to put together ham, turkey and cheese sandwiches. Officers in the field also had plenty of bottled water and other drinks - and donuts - to see them through the day.

About 40 members of the supremacist group field through a metal detector and attend a two-hour meeting at which a local and a national leader

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Ready

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From left, Crystal Topping, Brenda Tokarz and Rosie Spice assembled hundreds of sandwiches for law officers on duty at the Tabb Library May 4.

agreement with applause and a Hitler-esque salute.

County deputies drove the national leader to and from the meeting.

York County deputies lined the walls inside the meeting room.

When the speeches were over, the group filed out and past about 60 protestors. There was a shouting match, but the police-escorted supremacists left unmolested to attend a picnic in Newport News.



Photos by Beth Meinser



Mounted police were part of the escort which led folks from the meeting to their cars.



York deputies and a State Police trooper clear gear from the library roof after the meeting officers

Law enforcement officers appreciate support

Crier/Post:

It is not often that Law Enforcement Officers are given the opportunity to see the best in people. The majority of our days are spent chastising drivers, mediating domestic disputes and dealing with topics that are not necessarily dinnertime conversation.

A recent event in our community was anticipated as, once again, dealing with an element of society that would be unappealing at best. Amongst the anticipated hatred, dissension and intolerance, I witnessed one of the most touching events of my life.

Charged with the task of feeding and hydrating a battalion of law enforcement officers, we turned to our community for help. The support that you, our citizens showed us was an avalanche of aide that moved me more than words can express.

Literally hundreds of you worked to make sure that "your" deputies were taken care of. When I commented how wonderful and overwhelming the support was, the same phrase was repeated -- this is our community and you all are our own; we could do no less.

From high school students, Moose, Kiwanis, DAV, church groups, to women's club, from the York County Business Association to K-Mart, 7-11, C.A. Barrs, Pepsi and Deer Park Water. Thank you York County. Thank you for your support, your hard work and your caring; on behalf of my fellow officers we deeply appreciate all that you did.

Penny J. Diggs, Investigator
York County Sheriff Office

Protest was necessary, peaceful, if not dramatic

Crier/Post:

The reporting of turmoil and potential mayhem are what sells newspapers and entices tv news program viewers. The 10 second sound bite or the 3 inches of print are not interested in the orderly assembly of a small group of people.

Where is the drama?

On Saturday, May 4th, there occurred a meeting in York County of white supremacists advocating a "racial holy war". Newspapers told everyone to stay home or go shopping, or go to an entertainment venue. Our Board of Supervisors suggested yard work or a baseball game.

Jim Burgett and Sheriff Diggs labeled anyone who wished to go to the Tabb Library grounds to advocate brotherly love, unity and peace, a "troublemaker". We were told the supremacists were

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exercising their 1st Amendment rights. All others were "trouble-makers" and in one instance were compared to Jane Fonda's consorting with Ho Chi Min.

What really happened at the Tabb Library? Hundreds of law-enforcement personnel were on hand, both on the grounds of the library and patrolling the surrounding neighborhoods. The hatemongers entered the library without any interruption by demonstrators.

When we arrived at 11:40 am there were two gentlemen from Chesapeake holding up a large banner, two elderly York County residents and a middle-aged couple from Newport News holding signs, one man with a sign his daughter had made and another man also holding a sign. We were shortly joined by a Newport News teacher and two of his students, all with signs.

We stood on the grassy area by the side of Magruder Boulevard, our backs to the library, holding our signs, talking amongst ourselves, talking to reporters as they sought interviews. No chanting, no shouting, just a bunch of folks who thought hate and bigotry were wrong.

What did our signs say? "Hate is not a family value", HATE (with a circle and slash through it), Not Here, Not Anywhere "One Home - Earth, One Race - Human" "Just say no to racism" "We are all equal in God's eyes" and other such subversive thoughts.

Cars drove by, most giving the thumbs up sign or honking their horns in support. Yes, a few yelled racist remarks, but we did not respond. Many took photos as they drove by. That puzzled us all. As time went on, a few more "protesters" trickled in. A small group of people stood on the opposite side of Magruder Blvd., just watching.

We were eventually joined by a small group of teens and twenty-somethings. It is said one should not judge a book by its cover. These folks were dressed in black, sported numerous facial piercings, tattoos, spiked hair or shaved heads or bright red or pitch black hair. One had an obscenity printed on his t-shirt.

We all thought they were the supremacist agitators that were rumored to attend these gatherings. Their job is to incite riot. They carried no signs. They did they were against white

supremacy, but three of them decided to go into the Library. They milled about quietly, until the meeting broke up and the supremacists were leaving the library.

Then they ran to the police barriers and started the shouting and chanting. That is what made it into the news reports.

Our quiet, peaceful group was not a story to be told. Our moral outrage at the hatred and venom that came to our community was not interesting enough to be noted. The community support by all those "thumbs-up" driving by did not earn a one-sentence line in print or television news coverage. The only ones who seemed interested in our presence were the law enforcement personnel who photographed us continually. We stood up for humanity and are now probably on a subversive list in some government file.

Law enforcement officers faced a potentially combustible situation. They are to be commended for their presence. Thankfully for all, this turned out to be a small group of disenfranchised ignorant fools, spouting racist rhetoric with little apparent following in our community.

But hatred will flourish if there is no one to there to stop it. Hitler annihilated 10,000,000 people because the world remained silent. Ethnic cleansing is still evident throughout today's world. KKK chapters flourish in Virginia. Humans do not learn from history, they repeat it.

We have been told these groups thrive on publicity. We are told it is best to be quiet until they decide to leave. Publicity is just what they do need. Publish the faces of evil as we did the terrorist involved in 9/11.

One must know the enemy if one is to defeat them. These people do run for office and they do get elected. Remain silent when hate comes into your neighborhood and one day you may be surprised to see who represents you in your local, state or federal government.

We are proud of all those who had the courage of their convictions and stood by the road, peacefully displaying their signs, saying evil was not welcomed, ever.

Edmund Burke wrote: "All that is required for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

Jim and Pam Pouchot
Yorktown

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Our view

Events were flip side of life's coin

Last week, York County played host to two events whose purpose and function were poles apart. On the one hand, a group which preaches hate gathered at the Tabb Library. On the other hand, a group gathered to celebrate the positive force that so many adults have in children's lives.

At Tabb, the World Church of the Creator blathered on about the inferiority of all non-white humans. The speeches were predictably offensive -- and pretty poorly delivered. That was surprising, considering that a charismatic speaker is usually the kingpin of a movement like this one.

Their heroes are the like of Adolph Hitler.

Outside, an untold number of law enforcement personnel were on duty to make sure the church could conduct its meetings without being molested by protesters. Free speech is guaranteed under our First Amendment -- and no matter how offensive the words, the church had a right to meet and speak them.

York County's law enforcement personnel, joined by officers from other federal, state and local jurisdictions, kept the peace and the day went off without any visible hitches.

Down the road, hundreds of laughing youngsters walked in crooked lines waving banners and American flags. Their bright uniforms provided a rainbow of colors in the dull afternoon.

Each of York County 90+ Little League teams had selected a "hero" to be honored at the National Little League Hometown Heroes Day. Some of the honorees couldn't be present -- they were at the Tabb Library securing the peace or on standby in the event of violence.

Little League hones baseball and softball skills, teaches the importance of teamwork, provides physical activity and gives boys and girls -- of all colors and ethnic backgrounds -- the opportunity to belong to something big and grand. They learn the value of competition -- and how to win and how to lose.

Their heroes are the men and women who provide safe communities, good schools and strong leadership.

Maybe, just maybe, if the individuals who gathered at the Tabb Library had participated in Little League as youngsters they'd have learned life lessons which would have kept them from gravitating to a white racist hate group.

Sadly, it's probably too late for them.

Happily, thousands of York County's youngsters have good examples to follow -- and they're wise enough to know it.

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An era ends with Dudley's retirement

By Beth Meisner

Staff writer

Anybody who has ever volunteered to do a job knows full-well how quickly saying "I'll do it" can turn into a full-time job.

And Beverly Dudley knows better than most.

Consider this.

In 1969, Richard Nixon was President of the United States. The country was embroiled in an unpopular war in Vietnam. The Concorde made its first test flight. Neil Armstrong stepped out of a space module and walked on the moon. A cow pasture in New York played host to 300,000 music fans who attended Woodstock. The Fifth Dimension was singing about the age of "Aquarius." Mario Puzo published "The Godfather."

Of all those, perhaps the latter --which related to a book -- was the most significant for Dudley who, in 1969, began volunteering with the York County Library - such as it was.

The origins of the library system in the county are obscure before the late 1960s, when a house on the corner of Route 17 and Grafton Drive became the official site of the county's library collection. Some earlier, less formally organized sites had lent books before 1968, but in that year, the York County Volunteer Association opened a "real" library.

Within a year, Dudley did what she'd been doing ever since she'd been a child - she volunteered at the local library.

"I grew up working in libraries, in grade school through high school," Dudley said in an interview last week.

The newly created York

County Public Library only qualified for partial state aid because it wasn't headed by a professionally educated and certified librarian. So, Dudley set about earning a library degree.

She isn't actually sure when she made the move from volunteer to paid library staff - although she does recall the job was initially part-time. Over the few years, she combined work with pursuit of a degree.

Dudley has numbers from her early days at the helm of the York Library.

For 1970-71, the stats read like this: There were 4,064 books in the collection; the total annual operating budget was \$4,064 -- \$4,114 of which came from local sources, and none of which came from state or federal sources; 6,124 books were circulated; the collection contained no film strips, no records, no slides and no microfilm; and the county spent 12-cents per capita on library services for its 33,203 citizens.

And if those stats seem very small, indeed, they were still big enough to require a move as early as 1971. Then, the York County Library moved into a storefront at Grafton Shopping Center. The library was closed for 10 days as Dudley and volunteers physically moved 5,000 books.

Here, Dudley oversaw the growth - the big growth - of demands for library services. Books came and went, children's programs filled every nook and cranny and services were in such demand that the county hired its first full-time employee for the library in 1978.

That year, the library circu-
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Photo by Jeremy Watson
Beverly Dudley, York County Librarian

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lated 71,670 books -- and the handwriting was on the wall. The storefront library was too small and there was no hope expanding it in its present location. In July 1982, 15,000 books were checked out of the storefront.

In 1989, a steering committee was formed to explore the possibility of building a new library - a real library. Leslie

O'Hara donated land at the intersection of Route 17 and Harrod Lane and the York County Board of Supervisors voted \$900,000 in construction funds for the new library. Ground was broken on Sept. 11, 1983 and a ribbon cutting ceremony took place on Oct. 14, 1984.

By 1990, the "new" library was suffering "growing pains," and Dudley was one more in the position of drumming up support for another facility. This

time, the facility would be located in Tabb. That state-of-the-art facility opened in 1999.

Only time will tell how long it will be before the whole process begins again.

Next time, however, Dudley will be spared both the pains - and the admitted pleasures - of lobbying for, planning and designing and moving into a new library.

Jan. 30 will be her last day on the job. She can certainly look back with pride at what her love for books and library services has given the citizens of York County.

Consider the stats:

- In 1970, there were about 1,000 registered library members; in 2002, there were 43,788

- In 1970, the library loaned 6,124 items; in 2002, that number had climbed to 542,428

- In 1970, there were 4,424 books in the collection; in 2002, there were 128,600

- In 1970, there were no audio-visual items in the collection; in 2002, there were 19,095.

- In 1970, there was one full-

time employee; in 2002, that number grew to 37.

And Beverly Dudley had been at the helm during that growth.

And it isn't just numbers, either. The period of Dudley's stewardship has been marked with incredible changes in what libraries are and how they do business. Certainly the advent of the computer -- and the Internet -- has changed the face of libraries forever.

Dudley has positioned the York County Public Libraries to take full advantage of the technological revolution -- without ever forgetting that lots of people like to curl up in a warm bed reading a good, old-fashioned book.

After all those years on the job, Dudley isn't sure what she's going to be doing come Feb. 1. Perhaps she'll volunteer at county schools or work on enhancing library offerings at the regional jail.

Whatever her choice, you can be sure Beverly Dudley won't ever be far away from her true love -- books.

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